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Once again transcendent joy and heavenly peace arise in the hearts and minds of men as the Glorious Day of Resurrection dawns and the message, love and light of the Easter tide sweep through the body of humanity. Once more we see the triumph of light over darkness and love over hate. We relive the passion wherein we pass through the suffering of crucifixion, the darkness of the tomb, into the hallowed Presence of the Living Christ who knows no death, despair or limitation. We rejoice with our Living Saviour in whom we are identified through communion and holy worship and we see His Glorious Kingdom of Heaven on earth. We know His promises are fulfilled. He lives. He abides in our midst. His Love and Light are with us now and eternally. And we prepare for the Ascension and the holy days that must follow, where we may retire into the "Upper Chamber" and watch for the Transfusion of Pentecost that will transform our lives and bring peace and true brotherhood among us.

"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. BELIEVE YE IN ME AND YOU WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." These were not idle words nor did they refer to some future time when man through his belief in Christ would lose his body in death and then step into eternal life. It referred to eternal life here and now. Man, through identity with Christ -- through the wedding of his ego with the Divine and the Immaculate Conception or birth of the Christ in his midst -- would be able to eat of "his flesh and drink of his blood". He would undergo transfusion whereby the very Life of Christ -- in fact, his actual body of light, the essence of his celestial form -- would enter his veins and cause his renewal, resurrection and ascension.

Jesus did not lose his body. His purified form so apparently "dead" when they took it from the cross was re-charged with the Christ Spirit and his atoms quickened, his blood transfused and his body resurrected. The same body that was crucified and buried came forth from the tomb, only it was transmuted, raised, transformed. Its high vibratory rate knew no limitations and was forever free from its earthly or physical density and bondage.

"If I be lifted up, I shall draw all men unto me." Christ became a living part of the consciousness of man and the living atom of His body of Light entered the form of humanity and everything on earth. When he ascended or was raised into his eternal and celestial light form and abode in the Heavenly Mansion those who were a part of Him were drawn upward. Thereafter, those who communed with the Father through Jesus Christ were lifted up to the Father in an at-one-ment otherwise or formerly impossible. Through His intercession as a Living Body of Light -- a part of the Father and also a part of the body of humanity -- man could reach the Heavenly Plane and his own celestial body of light be released so that he might experience illumination and awareness in his Father's House.

Today, many are looking for the "second coming of Christ". As He promised, many believe He will descend in the manner in which He ascended. In accordance with the signs and prophecies of the times, it would seem this Coming was imminent. That it is needed -- that some supernatural power is needed -- to heal the world of its terrible sickness -- to resurrect the torn body of humanity being crucified in the shadow of the tomb -- is almost universally admitted in secular as well as sacred centers. But how this may be done . . . how such a Miracle can take place -- though many have hope and some have faith -- few can conceive the way it will happen or know how to co-operate with the Heavenly powers to help make it possible.

Many earnest souls are lining up with the activities of the Church to preach

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the gospel. Through preaching -- teaching -- driving home the Gospel from pulpit, broadcast and in the written word -- all efforts are sincerely being released from many quarters over the face of the earth. All is a good sign of which we are deeply grateful.

But wherein lies the POWER that will bring the Living Christ into expression on earth? Wherein is the environment that will enable His Precious and Radiant Person to appear without the danger of being crucified as He was before on earth? Is man with all of his preaching, teaching, church activities and religious worship doing that which will release the Presence of Christ in our midst? Are we following His mandates and behaving as He asked us to do, most distinctly outlined in His own words to His disciples? For an honest answer, we have much to take into our contemplation and earnest self-analysis.

Love is the environment where Christ can dwell. His disciples were commanded to love one another. They were taught and given the example of true prayer, which above all was the key that Christ gave to them whereby they could reach Him and bring Him to them. They were given the key in which they would be able to see Him. And this key did not lie in talking, in preaching, or in teaching. It inhered in SILENCE, in patient and devoted watching in the "Upper Chamber" -- ready and waiting for the Blessed Lord -- lovingly communing in the spirit of agreement with others. Where two or more are gathered in My Name, there "I AM". In blessed harmonization of spirit, "I AM in the midst of them".

TRANSFUSION and THE RESURRECTION . . . The Way of Harmonization

Jesus taught and showed the Power of Prayer as an Apostolate . . . a means of intercession whereby the Power of God could heal and free. The Day of Pentecost revealed the Power of agreement in spirit, whereby each one "dies to self" that the Christ might prevail in their midst allowing his body and mind to freely harmonize with others . . . to let LOVE OF GOD and Jesus Christ take possession of them. Sincerely, humbly, and devotedly, these early disciples entered into prayer in the LOVE that knew no separation . . . in the FAITH that knew Christ would appear. They were rewarded by the Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon them -- by the descent of the Holy Ghost, the Living Body of the Christ in their midst. Thereafter, they went out as apostles to heal, free, and do His Works in His Name and Living Presence. Transformed beings, transfused by His Mystic Light, they radiated His Glorious, Triumphant Spirit.

The Christ-Way is the Way of HARMONIZATION. That means as he taught it and practiced, to come into at-one-ment with each other through LOVE -- to experience at-one-ment with God through the Love of Christ in Christ Jesus and in all humanity. The Christ-Way of Prayer is HARMONIZED PRAYER. That means to be united in the SPIRIT OF LOVE . . . to feel the Mystic Presence entering one's midst because of agreement in spirit and truth with others. This way and this way only will bring about TRANSFUSION in the Body of the Living Christ. It is the only way to release the Light of Christ into the world.

The mental science exponents -- the truth advocates -- the Christian devotees of various orthodox beliefs -- many are praying, teaching, preaching that "this is the way". Their form of technique -- affirmation -- science of thought -- or particular religious practice -- seems important and of power. But the Christ-Way only advocated worship in Spirit and in Truth and that required LOVE -- it revealed but ONE SOURCE OF POWER IN PRAYER OR WORSHIP and that was the releasement of the Light or the Word -- the Presence of Christ.

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and join with others in true worship under the ONE TEACHER, JESUS CHRIST -- and when we harmonize in spirit to the extent that we know only LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF EACH OTHER IN CHRIST, then sacredly enter the sanctuary of prayer in harmonized action in the Mind and Spirit of Christ Jesus, HIS BODY OF LIGHT is released into our own bodies and into the world. This is the LEAVEN OF SPIRIT that is a resurrecting, transforming power . . . the POWER THAT WILL SAVE THE WORLD.

Here and now we are intended to be resurrected through the Power of Christ. To the extent that we come into the HARMONY OF GOD . . . into the CHRIST BODY of Love, Light, and Eternal Life . . . will we be transfused by His "blood". . . His leaven of Holy Spirit, Light, and Mystic Presence. This is a fact, but only experienced by those who have been "born again" through the Immaculate Conception or at-one-ment with the Father through Jesus Christ.

The motivation of the Harmonization Fellowship Foundation is a universal one. It is not based upon personality, beliefs, or new order, church, cult, or ambitious enterprise. Its whole intent is to further the cause of Harmonization -- to bring about transfusion wherever possible by helping to bring Christed souls into a state of agreement in SPIRIT -- thereby releasing the LIGHT OF CHRIST into the world. Its purpose is not to teach a new theory, a new method or technique, but simply to help make clear the CHRIST-WAY, the way of Love and Harmony. It makes no claim of organization power and has no purpose of furthering its own aims or teachings under a name or personal identity. It simply is a part of the universal movement from the Heavenly Planes to help bring Christ into the world -- to restore the Kingdom of Heaven on earth -- through harmonizing the hearts and minds of humanity, thereby releasing the Leaven of LOVE that heals and frees.

The purpose of the HARMONY DIGEST, the organ of the Harmonization Fellowship Foundation is to assemble and digest certain transcendental and harmonization literature of the age. Its desire is to bring benefit, inspiration and information of a constructive nature before its readers and to radiate the Christ-Spirit and Leaven of Love into the body of humanity as much as possible. It also is attempting to serve a harmonization purpose in bringing together various aspects of the spiritual metaphysical and occult teachings in the contemporary field.

A most important project of the Harmonization Fellowship is its HARMONIZED PRAYER activity. The plan of the HARMONY PRAYER GROUP, together with a program of expanding prayer groups and the practice of TRANSFUSION IN THE MIND OF CHRIST is now being released and a number are entering into its activity as members of groups and those training to become coaches of groups. Also, the CORDON OF PRAYER, for the purpose of establishing GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS and the potency of HARMONIZED PRAYER -- "Each one PRAY for one" -- is definitely a new age project to further the Power of Love and the Healing Light -- to establish and release the MYSTIC PRESENCE into the world.

All of the Harmonization literature and activities are impersonally conducted and operate under the free gift of Christ. There is no charge for any of the service or Ministry. Love offerings are accepted by those guided and able to share with the expense of its activities.

Everyone is cordially invited to harmonize with the movement but no one is asked nor may he be able to join the Foundation. By virtue of one's integrity and love of Christ and the spirit of Harmony, one already belongs. Association with the Fellowship or subscribing to its activities or Cordon of Prayer in no way limits one in a sectarian sense. All races, creeds, denominations or those in no way denominational are invited to unite in prayer with us or to participate in any way mutually beneficial and worth-while for the cause of Christ in the world.

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A TIME OF GREAT JOY

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Christmas is a happy time, typifying as it does the birth of the Christos within the soul. Easter however is even more joyous, for this symbolizes the final death of self, and the rising up in us of the Eternal Christ.

The real meaning of all Scriptures is the unfoldment of our spiritual consciousness. When once we realize this, all scriptures become intelligible to us, and give us a thrill every time that we read them. The hidden meaning is revealed to us as we read the outer story.

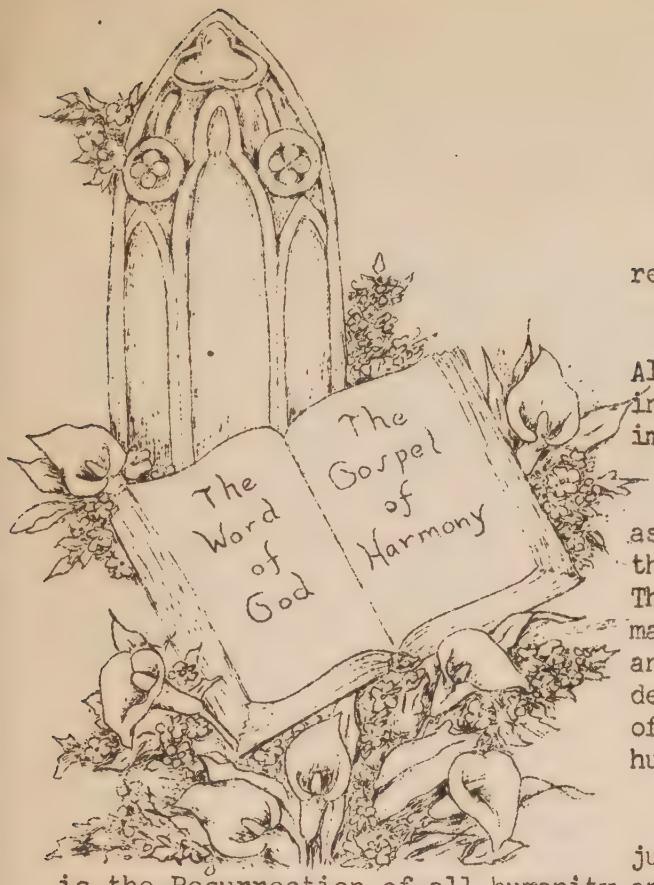
The most joyous part of Easter is of course the resurrection. "If Christ be not raised your faith is vain", said St. Paul. The death of self is not sufficient, there must also be the rising of Christ in us, so that the old selfish nature is entirely supplanted by the Heavenly nature.

There are many people who believe that Jesus never lived. Yet they follow Him, and I believe are making the Journey of Jesus. We believe, however, in the Historical Jesus. We believe that He actually lived and died and rose again, and that His body of flesh was transmuted into Immortal Substance. We believe that Jesus started life with all our human limitations, and that He worked through them, and overcame every weakness, until the Logos in Him became all in all, so that even death could not have power over him. Having become an Immortal (see Hebrews Chapter V), He could make His body appear on any plane at will, by altering its vibrations. All Immortals can do this. While changing from one plane to another as the vibrations alter, they would appear to be in a mist or cloud. This explains the otherwise strange things which happened after the Resurrection; such as appearing in a room whose doors were locked, yet being substantial and able to eat solid food. It also explains the final disappearance of the Lord in a cloud.

All these things are very interesting, but they refer only to the outer or external aspect. We can know all about these things, and still remain far from the Kingdom. The essential thing is that we should find within ourselves the Eternal Christ, and finally become resurrected and risen with Him. It is not sufficient that we should know about Jesus who lived nearly two thousand years ago. It is necessary that we should find the Christ of experience, and also that we should surrender ourselves so completely to Him, that we become merged into Him, so that the false ego-sense disappears.

Yes, Easter is a glorious, happy time. May we all experience Easter in our own souls. Amen.

MAY CHRIST ARISE IN EACH ONE OF US WITH RESURRECTION POWER!



THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

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"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection."

Life is resurrected when it embodies the Almighty Spirit in its fruit, the Spirit becoming one with the fruit, and the fruit being immortalized through the Spirit.

Through evolution life brought forth man as its divine fruit, and the Eternal Self as the Spirit within renders man the Son of God. Therefore, through the Eternal Self, one with man, life experiences and enjoys immortality and the world its Resurrection. This truth underlies the mystery of how the Resurrection of Christ causes the transformation of all humanity.

The fact that Christ is our Eternal Self justifies the perception that His Resurrection is the Resurrection of all humanity and the world, a unique event that endues with immortality and oneness with God. The descent of Christ to this phenomenal world was inevitable, without which humanity would have lost the goal.

Before the Resurrection of Christ in man as the Holy Spirit, and the quickening of Cosmic Mind and Form, man on leaving his physical form lost the power of thinking and consciousness on higher planes, and faced the valley of death in the consciousness of separation from life and God. Through spiritual elevation the human mind and consciousness were overwhelmed and absorbed. This is the origin of the word death in the book of man. In the language of the Gods the word does not exist. The Christ descended to the world to transform death to immortality, resurrecting His mind, life, form, and spirit, and living as the Lord of Immortality in humanity.

The Christ entered into the valley of death and established His Divine Sun that gives eternal light of oneness with God and divine consciousness. The life and victory of Christ is ours due to the fact that the Christ is our True Self and only identity. His crucifixion and resurrection is our own experience on the path to our higher nature. Through Him we are made one with Truth, liberated forever from the illusion of death, and we possess His glorious body, the Cosmic Form of Resurrection.

According to this Truth St. John, the great Christian mystic, gave his delivery on Resurrection found in the 20th Chapter of his immortal Gospel. His delivery unfolds three states of transformation or Resurrection. First, the transformation and resurrection of the soul (the light or life form included) explained through the Christ contacting Mary Magdalene. Second, the transformation and resurrection of the mind and man as a spirit self, or Christ Humanity, explained through His contact with His disciples without Thomas. Third, the transformation and resurrection of the physical man, or backward humanity, and with him the I as a human spirit is resurrected in the final degree, becoming the Divine Self, the Son of God, explained through His appearance to all the disciples.

From the first to the tenth verse St. John refers to the conditions of man ready to receive into his being the power and benefit of the Christ Resurrection. Mary represents the soul, Peter signifies the mind, and John is the Spirit Self and love. The sepulchre uncovered represents physical life overcome, unveiled. The linen clothes signify the life forces which hold the physical form until the Day of Resurrection, during which they are replaced by the White Light, the Light of His Holy Countenance, presence and will.

According to St. John's mystic delivery the soul is first to seek her Lord -- Mary comes to the sepulchre. However, the soul is seeking the immortal among the dead, which is the reason of her failure to behold. In desperation she seeks the mind -- Peter -- and the Spirit Self and love -- John -- voicing the seeming calamity. Peter and John ran to the sepulchre -- the mind and the Spirit Self raced to the area of mystifying life and divine activity. Love outruns the mind, and John arrives first. But it is the mind that investigates -- Peter -- who enters first into the sepulchre, and John follows. Together they witnessed the sign of Resurrection. The linen clothes folded by themselves is the sign of mastery and higher mysticism; the napkin that was about the head, wrapped together in a place by itself, with the insignia of the Master of Masters and the Lord of Lords is significant. This occult sign of Resurrection was sufficient. Yes, He is risen. They returned believing. But the soul longs for experience, Mary stood without the sepulchre, waiting and weeping.

" . . . and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.
"And seeth two angels in white sitting . . . where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord."

In looking at physical life Mary or the soul at first does not contact the inner powers, seeing not the angels. The Angels are the Seraphim or the Lords of Love, and the Cherubim or the Lords of Harmony. Not until Mary, or the soul, concentrates, looking consistently, and meditates, weeping, is she able to see and hear. Many times Mary looked into the sepulchre without seeing or hearing the Angels, but after concentration, meditation, and unfailing devotion the veil lifted and she saw and heard.

"And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus."

We see according to our faith, consciousness, and unfoldment. Therefore, until His Spirit was resurrected in her, Mary was unconscious of Jesus as the Resurrected Lord. Mary, the soul, needed higher awakening. Before beholding Him in the world, the Christ must rise in her being.

"He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit;
"Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained."

As the resurrected Christ of God and Humanity He conferred upon them the Holy Spirit, and as their Christ merged to them, enduing them with the Spirit of Truth, Righteousness, and Perfection. They received Him as their cosmic consciousness, divineness, and victory over sin and death, as their Spirit of Ascension and Glory. It is a spiritual law that whenever one receives Him into his being as the Holy Spirit and the True Self, that one becomes a supreme judge, a being of Truth and Righteousness, a Son of God. When one overcomes his lesser nature through beholding the transformed and resurrected one, he is assured and convinced of his own salvation and attainment and is completely liberated.

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them; then came Jesus . . .
"Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and

reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing."

Finally, the Christ is made the risen Christ of all humanity, the advanced and backward. This is His manifestation to the disciples with Thomas present. Thomas represents the materially minded man, who insists to know Christ through the cross of matter and form, the cross of the senses.

The man of physical senses and arid intellect refuses to believe in the immortality of the self, in God in man. He crucifies the spirit daily on the cross of the senses, insisting to know the spirit as sense power, intelligence, and as matter and form. The love of God sent Christ to the world, that the Word may be made flesh and dwell among us, to be seen, heard, and felt. Through His crucifixion and Resurrection Christ fills all states of consciousness, life and form. He manifests His Divinity through the cross that physical humanity may accept Him and realize Him on its own plane of living.

Blessed is he who has received Him through spiritual beholding and divine awakening. Blessed is he who has received Him through faith, love to Truth, and higher devotion, through complete surrender to God and heaven. Blessed is the Christ Humanity that leads the backward souls on the path of light and glory, the Path of Resurrection. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed in their Divine Sonship, in their Eternal Self. In them life attains its perfection.

BECOMING RADIANT

Yesterday I went to a funeral -- to the funeral of a local worthy, a follower of the sea, who was much respected by us all. Amongst the masses of floral tributes I noticed one which had a larger card than usual attached to it. On this card our departed friend was described as a Radiant Christian. And then followed a quotation from Psalm 34, verse 5. (Chinese Version). It ran as follows: --

He looked to HIM
and became radiant.

Today, I met the widow, dressed in black it is true, but quite radiant. Heavenly love and joy simply poured from her, as she spoke of everyone's kindness, and how she wanted to write personally to all who had shewn sympathy.

As I went on my way I pondered on the blessedness of the spiritual life. Instead of hopeless mourning and selfish sorrow, here were exhibited radiance and heavenly joy. Yes, those who follow the way of the Spirit do indeed possess the treasure that is beyond price -- they taste of the Immortal Sweetness of the life that is lived in God.

I thought, how true! Those who know the Lord and make a habit of looking to Him become radiant. They possess something which other people lack. From them shines something of the Light of Heaven.

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THE ASCENSION

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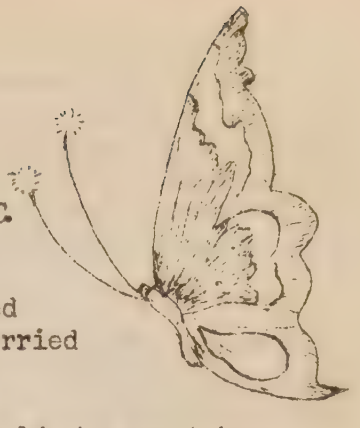

"And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." St. Luke, xxiv, 51.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." -- Acts i, 9.

In spite of St. Paul's statement that: "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." (I Corinthians, xv, 50), the orthodox teaching is that it was the actual physical body of Jesus that was "carried up into heaven". What, then, happened to that physical body to change it so that it could disappear into thin air in the full sight of the watching disciples as "a cloud received him out of their sight?" (Acts, i, 9). But no explanation is given.

The Etheric Body

Those who have given serious attention to the results of scientific psychic research know that there are ample physical proofs of the biblical teaching that the human personality survives the loss of its physical body in the change called death. In its new and higher state the surviving personality lives in a world of finer, etheric matter which is several octaves of vibration higher than that of the physical plane. In that higher world the person is clothed in an astral or etheric body which is withdrawn from the meshes of the physical body at death. The etheric body is therefore the exact duplicate of the physical body, but of a finer and more nearly perfect appearance. Because of this fact the departed ones are easily recognized when photographed or when seen materialized under the test conditions. Thus Moses and Elias were easily recognized by the disciples when those two appeared and talked with Jesus at the time of His transfiguration. (St. Matthew, xvii, 3)

It has been demonstrated countless times that the etheric body can be so densely materialized that it can be clearly seen and recognized by ordinary physical sight. Such materializations have been repeatedly photographed and the picture readily identified as that of the deceased person. This is one of several scientific physical proofs of the teaching of all religions that so called death applies to the physical body only and not to the astral or etheric body or to the mind and consciousness of the personality.

JESUS' DEMONSTRATION

Naturally those familiar with such materializations conclude that it was Jesus' materialized etheric body in which He arose from the tomb, appeared objectively for forty days, displaying His wounds to Thomas and others, and finally ascending into the higher realms. Scientifically that could have been quite possible. But that theory fails to account for the disposal of Jesus' physical body. Jesus disproved that explanation when He said: "Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as yet see me have . . . and They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and of an honey-comb. And he took it, and did eat before them." (St. Luke, xxiv, 39, 42-3). This settles that theory completely, for materialized forms have never been known to eat material food.

The explanation is both physical and metaphysical. The Path of Attainment may be followed in a general way almost unconsciously by striving to live the Christ-life without technical training, or it may be followed consciously by employing a definite, scientific technique in the use of super-physical and spiritual forces. In either case the process involves the mysteries of transmutation and translation.

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"And it came to pass, while he blessed
them, he was parted from them, and carried
up into heaven." St. Luke, xxiv, 51.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken
up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." -- Acts i, 9.

In spite of St. Paul's statement that: "flesh and blood cannot inherit the
kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians, xv, 50), the orthodox teaching is that it was
the actual physical body of Jesus that was "carried up into heaven". What, then,
becomes of that physical body to change it so that it could disappear into thin
air on the full moon of the watching disciples as "a cloud received him out of
their sight?" (Acts, i, 9). But no explanation is given.

The Etheric Body

Those who have given serious attention to the results of scientific research know that there are ample proofs of the building-forming that the human personality survives the loss of its physical body in the change called death. In its own and higher or rebate the survival of personality lives in a world of finer, etheric matter which nearly resembles by the dissolution of the physical plane. In that at the time of His transfiguration. (St. Matthew, xvii, 3)

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to the physical body only and not to the astral or etheric body or to the mind and
consciousness of the personality.

It is well known in psychology that every thought and emotion generates a definite current of force in the mental world. These currents are either constructive, destructive or neutral according to the character of the thought held. If the destructive thoughts predominate, the body becomes inharmonious, irritable, toxic, acid and even diseased. But if the constructive thoughts and emotions predominate, the body will be harmonious, pure and full of vitality and radiant health, because it is constantly subjected to currents of high and constructive mental and emotional forces.

SPIRITUAL FORCES — In addition to constructive mental and emotional forces, when meditation, aspiration and prayer are consciously used to contact the higher realms, then still higher octaves of forces are invoked, namely, spiritual forces. These have been measured with a scientific radionic instrument and proved to nearly double the body's vitality. These spiritual forces not only increase the body's vitality, but they augment its purification and thus gradually transmute and spiritualize it atom by atom. Finally the spiritual self masters the matter which makes up its physical garments and immortalizes it so that the personality is swallowed up in the Individuality; the mortal puts on immortality and becomes one with the Father-in-heaven, or makes the Ascension.

This process of transmutation begins from within and works outward from the heart center. From there it sends out radiations or lines of force which gradually set up new sub-centers of radiation in various parts. Just as a cancer sends out slender radiating filaments which insinuate themselves into the surrounding tissues and organs to destroy them, so the fiery lives of the Christ-force, when directed by the consciousness of an enlightened mind, manifest in an analogous way, but in a diametrically opposite and constructive manner. In each life some cells are spiritualized, and these are never lost, but are added to life after life. Every cell which the Christ-force has spiritualized becomes immortal, and at the next earth life is built into the new body around the sacred centers, so that little by little we inhabit a more and more nearly perfect body, until in some life we find it possible to complete the purification and spiritualization of all our interblending bodies, mental, etheric and physical.

This spiritual body or true Niramanakaya body, although manifesting in the etheric world, is not an etheric or even a psychic body, but is a spiritual body which is born in the heart of the Adept while in the flesh, and which takes the form of the personality by first growing out from the heart and ultimately spiritualizes all its atoms. Ultimately the body thus spiritualized becomes no longer a mere physical body . . . but is a redeemed and spiritualized body in which its master can appear and disappear in any realm or any world at will.

JESUS' BODY — Jesus plainly indicated that such a spiritualized body -- technically called a Niramanakaya body -- over which He had perfect control, was the type of body He possessed when He said: "I lay down my life, that I might take it up again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it up again." (St. John, x, 17-18). The fact that Jesus had this power over His body, long before the crucifixion and Ascension, is proved by His exercising that power publicly on two occasions. After the resurrection he materialized before the disciples. Later he dematerialized His body and "was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." Such a phenomenal transmutation of the body is clearly Jesus' teaching, for He promised that: "If any man keep my saying (follows His teachings) He shall never see death."

THE BODY TO BE RAISED UP — What body is to be raised up at the last day? It certainly is not this imperfect and fallible human personality. Still less is it this incompletely evolved and incompletely perfected animal body, but the PERFECTED MANIFESTATION of our Spiritual Self, that is to be raised up at the last day. That is the LIGHT BODY which we finally build up by the purification, -- transmutation and spiritualization of the atoms of our various bodies through following and manifesting the Christ within, until at our final incarnation we have built

up a spiritualized vehicle or body through which we can manifest on any plane we wish.

The inner mystical Christ-light

To obtain the regenerating, redeeming and illuminating effects of our Christ within, we must have certain definite periods daily when we deliberately expose ourselves to or bathe in the inner mystical Christ-light . . . We should visualize our Spiritual Self not as a finite mortal, but as a great and glorious immortal spiritual Being overshadowing us and endeavoring to find ever greater and greater expression through us, according to our recognition of and response to His divine guidance.

Once you have gained this cosmic concept of the Ascension, death has no more dominion over you, for you have died to the limitations of materialism and the sordid things of life, and have ascended into the freedom, light and joy of the Christ-consciousness. Then the husks of any old material conditions which may cling around your roots for a while will gradually disintegrate, and their forces of good will be absorbed and act as fertilizers, as you consciously extract their misdirected good and use it toward your ultimate Ascension.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection (heart) on things above, not on things on earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians, iii, 1-3.)

EUCHARIST

Eleanor Fiock

Thy upper room, we seek today,
To keep a sacred tryst.
O blessed Lord, pray serve for us,
Thy holy Eucharist;
Thine is the cup, the bread, the wine,
Thou knowest ev'ry need.
But man lives not by bread alone,
For bread of life we plead.

Come, living presence, Christ of God
The bread from heav'n above,
Transform our wills and make them Thine,
Impel us with Thy love;
O precious life blood of the Christ,
Pour through our veins like wine
And vitalize us by Thy pow'r
Omnipotence is Thine.

And now within this upper room
As we commune with Thee,
Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord
For all humanity;
As lips have touched the Holy Grail
And taken mystic wine,
Ensouling angel, quicken us
To share Thy bread divine.

-- from "New Age Songs"

"The Spirit in man is the candle of the Lord"

COMMUNION WITH THE PRESENCE

Flower Newhouse

Adapted from an article, "Spirituality, Not Piety" --
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Everything testifies to the fact that spirituality is our most conspicuous need. Unlike other traits, spirituality is not something we build but a presence we unveil by patiently regenerating the heavy forces which obscure it. To realize spirituality we do not bring the Inmost Light down into ourselves, but we open all the channels of our natures and the Light comes unbidden into us.

Spirituality is most evident when we are naturally, completely and unself-consciously given to worship -- baptism in the Fountain of Re-creation. William Law said of the earnest devotee, "He has a spark of the Light and Spirit of God as a supernatural gift of God given unto the birth of his soul, to bring forth by degrees a new birth of that life which was lost in Paradise. The holy spark of the divine nature within him has a natural, strong, and almost infinite tendency, a reaching after that Eternal Light and Spirit of God from whence it came forth. It came forth from God, it came out of God, it partaketh of the Divine nature, and therefore it is always in a state of tendency and return to God."

"God-inhabited" men and women are civilization's most strengthening pillars. They labor unceasingly to be steadfast outposts of the Light which shines on their way. In Korea in 1939, a missionary, Aletta Jacobsz, inspired hundreds of persons with her ardent and devoted love for Christ. She died in 1942. Though only 34 years old at that time, God had already used her mightily in the reclaiming of half-hearted Christians. Phillips Brooks was so overshadowed by the Divine Presence that when strangers or members of his parish visited him, their problems were clarified, and their burdens lifted by this great soul's spirituality.

From all walks of life the Awakeners come. We need to be discerning else their outward simplicity might hide their channelship from us. In Toronto lived a woman, Ann Preston, who, though poor and illiterate, had such an ennobling influence upon others that she was called "Holy Ann." At her death, ministers of all faiths and statesmen were her self-elected pallbearers.

The Negro singer, Emmanual Mansfield, is not only a great singer but a great soul. When his rich voice intones a musical prayer, all the worship, self-discipline, and self-conquest that lie behind the man make his concerts unforgetable.

At the start of each day we can rededicate ourselves to our major life work, "the increasing of our Christhood." Throughout the day we will practice raising all interests, tests, and issues before the High Altar of Spirit. When we practice Silence it will really become a sacrament -- that of ever-deepening communion with the Innermost Presence.

The whole secret of the spiritual life is not to emulate Christ, but to empty ourselves of all save His Influence. When He lives in us, the Truth becomes evident that "The Spirit in man is the candle of the Lord." As yet we do not have the courage or development to radiate the Christ Light, but by offering ourselves to Him, we do become His earthly dwelling place.

Anyone who has ever made a spiritual pilgrimage has said to his soul, "I will arise and go to my Father." When we come in thought and act into the Eternal Presence, we desire more than ever to remain in Unchanging Peace throughout the days allotted to this lifetime.

THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY

Dr. Frank L. Riley

Ho! weary, sin-sick, mortal, dweller on this mundane sphere, pilgrim on life's dusty road, lift your eyes above the sod, gaze heavenward and "hitch your wagon to a star." This star is the Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and he will shepherd your wandering thoughts. He is also your lamp and your door into the heavenly kingdom -- yea, your propitiator and redeemer, the resurrection and the life.

Christ is also our mirror, for as we gaze at him we see our own reflection in him --God's image and likeness. We should observe that image with our hearts' eyes, and then will it draw us, become our guide, and hold us fast, until finally we become like Christ.

St. Paul informs us that Christ is within the soul or consciousness of every individual. This Christ idea, like a germ or tiny seed, lies deeply buried beneath a crust of materialism. The crust, or accretion, is a shell of limitation. One day the divine germ will show signs of activity, and will gradually unfold, bringing into manifestation the Christ within.

Christ, then, is our motto, our model, and our guiding star along this straight and narrow way. Buddha, Jesus the Christ, and many other noble souls have trod this path; and if we expect to perform the mighty works which they accomplished; and finally wear a crown of righteousness, we must walk in their footsteps.

The foundation and principle of the way is love; and we are commanded to lay hold of the beginning, and turn not back to the old path.

The CHRIST WAY is solemn, smooth, difficult, straight, narrow and yet wide-extended; furthermore, it is level, ancient, and penetrated by God. It is a path of pure simplicity.

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh;" consequently, "ye must be born again." To be born of incorruptible seed is the new birth -- born of water and of the Spirit. Man then realizes that he is a son of God; that he has experienced a renewal of life, being born from out God's radiant Self, or re-born in Mind. This new birth means eventual death to the lower self or material nature.

To withdraw into thyself; to throw out of work the body's senses; to purge from thyself the things of matter; this, we are told, is the way of birth in God.

REPENTANCE

Repentance is an important step in the way; but sin must be forsaken to be forgiven. As sin is forsaken the soul is purified, and we are eventually baptised with water, with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

The soul regenerate, communes with God. We eat the flesh, and drink the blood

of Christ, when we live Christ-like lives, walking in his steps. Man thus suffers as Jesus the Christ suffered; and yet beneath this suffering there is a peace that flows like a river. This peace is God-given, and no earthly power can destroy it. The more we sacrifice, the greater is our store in God's treasure-house.

Crucifixion is the death, transformation, or transmutation of the lower self. We put off the old man, and put on the new man in Christ Jesus. This step is necessary before man is really at-one-with God. This at-one-ment is man's salvation or redemption.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death; and we finally partake of, or participate in, the resurrection. Step by step we rise above this material state of consciousness into that wider and more glorious realization of Spirit -- the One Reality.

The Scriptures affirm that he who has truly grasped the good and the true can never slip back.

In one sense, we are alone on this straight and narrow way, working out our own salvation; but, thank God, we are really never alone, for divine Love is omnipresent. Love is our guide and staff, no matter how rough and dark the way may be; and we are assured an entrance through the heavenly gate, where sorrow and sighing take wings, and where gladness and celestial joy hold eternal sway. But we must always fix our gaze on the Star in the East -- the Christ Ideal -- and then follow that star, if we are to reach the goal and win the prize.

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OUR RESURRECTED CONSCIOUSNESS

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The true man of destiny is he who walks with God through the grandeur and beauty of this creation, and yet does not come under the spell of this passion-play. The fatalism of sorrow, sickness, misery, and misfortune is a false concept, and is not in accordance with God's ordinance. But the fatalism of health, happiness, good fortune, freedom, and peace is in accord with the Universal order of things. Remorse, regret, seduction, passion, and sin are the products of false race-habits and race suggestion of mortality. In our resurrected Consciousness we realize our Self as birthless, deathless, beginningless, and endless Spirit, free from all bondage, sin, and shame. We move about like angels in this glorious and glorified creation, showering blessings and receiving and giving in accordance with the prescribed way of the Eternal God.

Enveloped with his own darkness, man creates his phantoms of night. Wait, and he will awaken to find that he has been following a mental mirage. His sin, sorrow, and shame are all created by his false concept of life. His very belief in them is continually dragging him into the abyss of darkness, and making him perpetrate deeds which are remote from his Nature. He has been wearing a cloak of false belief through the fear of disgrace and public condemnation. Through the same fear, he has let pass the things which belong to him by his own Divine right. In the house of freedom, he has forged chains for himself. But with the great awakening his face will turn to the Light, and at last he will claim his own. Amidst the jeers and condemnation of the world, he will mount the cross as a Christed man. The radiant glow of his crown of thorns will serve as a beacon-light to many wandering souls in this darkness of night. The angels will sing the immortal anthem of man's resurrection. Heaven and earth will be filled with joy. The power of God's love will thus be proclaimed. Thus, forever the passion-play ends, and man rises to the dignity of his Godhood.

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REDEMPTION OF HUMANITY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

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The author brings us a most encouraging and illuminating picture of the dawn of a new day in which she predicts a coming world peace such as the world has never known. She says we are on the threshold of that peace which the Bible five times tells us shall not be less than a thousand years.

All the Prophets foretold, and our Lord Himself emphasized, the world would be wrapped and wrecked in war -- nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, accompanied by famine, pestilence, and perplexities -- when Jesus would return to earth to wear the crown and assume the throne. This present war is that war of Armageddon which they foretold.

Rejoice, and be glad that we live at this glorious dawn of God's kingdom on earth. Could we but conceive of the wonders, glories, and beautiful associations of that eternal life in the Post-war world, with all its refined enjoyments, ineffable delights and its companionship with all our loved ones, and the good and wise of past ages, we would not mind the trials and self-denials we are passing through at this time.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Jesus lived at a time when the world was sick unto death just as it is today. People needed to be inspired with new life and courage and faith. They were in a condition comparable to that of persons today who need a blood transfusion. Someone must supply that blood else there is no hope for these patients. It is through the love and kindness of some dear souls who are willing to give of their own life's blood that patients receiving that blood transfusion recover, become well, strong, and full of vitality. Just so, Jesus freely gave His own life's blood to save humanity. Blood represents life. He came to give life to all who would believe in Him. Jesus it was who started the first blood "Bank", when He poured out His blood upon Calvary. A Bank upon which every living soul on this earth might draw, by believing in Him. Those receiving a blood transfusion from it would become new beings through spiritual deliverance from the bondage of sin, sickness and death.

When Jesus released His precious red blood to redeem humanity, that new life permeated every part of this planet. His life entered into the Mineral kingdom, the Vegetable kingdom, and the Human kingdom. All received the life, joy and inspiration of the Spirit of God. Therefore there is no other name given under Heaven whereby man shall be saved, except through Jesus Christ. Only He is able to give humanity the healing blood transfusion.

Conqueror of death and the grave

Because of the departure of man from the path of righteousness, through disobedience to God's eternal laws and the glorious plans of the Great Architect, man lost the paradise in which he lived, walked and talked with God. Man elected of himself to go down into the pit of lust, greed, and selfishness, to remain there for ages, so that God had to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to show humanity the way out. For four thousand years God had tried to do so through inspired prophets and messengers, but the bodily form failed to express the sublime glory of God. In Jesus, the Father succeeded in expressing Himself perfectly. As a type, and pattern, of

man as he really is in Spirit, Jesus was literally the first-born on this planet. He represents the new type of manhood. For this revelation of man's glorious possibilities and divine perfection, Jesus lived, suffered, and died on the cross, was resurrected in glorified form. No other teacher, prophet, or master had ever gone through the experience of dying -- especially on the cross -- and then come forth a radiant "Sun" of God, a conqueror of death and the grave. "Oh, man, arise and shine, for the Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee." Therefore Jesus could truly say, "I am the way, the truth, and the Life." "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men." "Be not dismayed for I AM Thy God." "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ - the consciousness of God

Christ is the consciousness of God. He was in the beginning with God. He was the Word made flesh, the image of the invisible God. Jesus said, "I (Soul) and my Father (Spirit) are One." God the Father became visible as Jesus Christ. "He that has seen me hath seen the Father." "I am in the Father and the Father in me."

The name of Jesus as the Son of man, unifies Him with all other sons of man; the name of Christ as the "Sun" of God, unifies Him with all the "Suns" of God, as the light of every soul that cometh into the world. He is verily the "Sun" in us, radiating through our beings the glory of our Father-Mother God. As Lord, He is God in man, God with man, bringing to our consciousness that at-one-ment which makes possible man's finding the unity of Spirit within himself and outside himself as well. Thus Christ the Way, the Truth, and the Life, is the Revealer of the Father to all mankind.

Christ, the Mediator

Jesus Christ said: "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Therefore, Jesus Christ is the hub and the spoke in the wheel which represents humanity. The axle represents the power and life of God the Father. No one can contact this power except through Jesus Christ, or Christ consciousness. We must connect up with Him, for Christ is the Mediator between God the Father and man. As with the telephone, you must get central to connect you with your party.

We are all together -- all one -- in the Body of Spirit. Those who know the truth know that there is a golden thread of Life which unites us all to the Cosmic Body of the Logos, or Christ. This is the connecting cord that nothing can ever break, for it unites the soul and mind of mankind with the Holy Spirit of the Father-Mother God. Beloved children of the One Father, we must become eternally conscious of our common brotherhood here on earth; we must build our beautiful mansions with the spiritual materials created by unselfish acts and all-embracing love. We must be resurrected from worldly limitations into the glory of infinitude.

Jesus died upon the cross for our offenses. On Easter morning He arose for our justification. The powers of evil were defeated. By the great and glorious victory of Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ proved that He was one with God. "I and my Father are one." "Before Abraham was, I am." Thus is the Redeemer of humanity unique in character and personality. Jesus shows us that the body of immortality is of spirit substance, and will be recognizable to us in the hour of reunion on this good earth in the Post-war Kingdom.

Our world is rapidly being transmuted under the new order of the ages. The magic key to the teaching of Jesus Christ is found in these words: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Only those who can HARMONIZE themselves can have citizenship, and can experience heaven in the spirit and mind of Christ, thus making their at-one-ment with the Father. This is a mystic union.

A PRAYER FOR DAILY USE

"Christ is now raising me to His consciousness of my oneness with the Father. I am the offspring of the Living God. I AM one with His infinite life. This life flows freely through me, purifying, vitalizing, renewing, strengthening, restoring and completely regenerating me through the healing power of Jesus Christ. So be it."

THE PASS-WORD INTO THE "NEW AGE"

Svend Raasted

selected from "NOW IS MY TIME"

The Age we are entering is one of Freedom, Love and Brotherhood. The Age we left behind was one of Sacrifice, which ended with the Crucifixion, the crossing out of Self and Separation; its unifying word "Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven" led man to Resurrection:

To be prepared to enter the New Age, you must have completed the Purpose of the old age, you must have sacrificed all of Self, all of that which stood between you and God, you, the part, and He, the All.

The pass-word into the New Age is "Thy Will be done," through which you enter the Freedom, Love and Brotherhood of His Eternal Life. Crucified to Self and Separation, man enters -- at-one with Him.

On Resurrection Morn, when the Stone is rolled away from the Sepulcher of your self-existence, and the Voice of Appearances challenges you with its "Art Thou There," the crucial question is: Has Crucifixion succeeded in crossing out "all of you," leaving no one but Him?

The Answer to this all-inclusive question cannot come in the syllables of audible language, it can only prove itself in a Life, eternally dedicated to Union with Him.

No! You cannot circumvent this Eternal Law, the Law that brought you into separate being; the Law that kept you thus through your experience with "good" and "evil," with power separate from me; the Law that, through birth and death in endless cycles, prepared you for Life with Me.

That Law is now fulfilling Its mission in you and each of you; for you are ready to be born again, not of Mind in Body, not separate in time and space, no! One with Me in the Eternity of My Existence -- Life without end.

If the end of you has not occurred, prepare yourself therefor, for only thus can Resurrection Morn bring Eternity to you.

. . . Arise this Resurrection Morn of the New Day, the Day of Eternity. On the Cross of Calvary you gave yourself to Me for Eternity. Together, We enter the Fulfillment of Creation at the Dawn of Eternity.

Thus I come to you and each of you. My Presence must absorb the "you" of you, and leave but Me. And as We walk together, they too shall see Myself within themselves, and follow Me.

. . . Are you a Son of God, or yet a son of man made in the image of his own fancy? This question you must answer within yourself. In the New Age, the Sons of God shall walk the paths of Earth consciously with Him, whose Life they live. No other Life can live on Earth in That Eternity.

Of old you depended on Him I sent. He was your Savior in time of your belief. You could follow Him, or go astray, till Life's increasing burdens forced you to follow Him anew. But now, in the Time of My Fulfillment, there is no time to go astray; the Harvest of the Moment is for Eternity.

My Son in you must rise to the stature of Myself. My Son in you must free you from the need of all but Me. Freed in My Risen Son in you, you will come forth, a Light among Humanity. (Publishers, J. F. Rowny Press)

HARMONY AND AMERICA

THE DUMBARTON OAKS PLAN

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The purpose of this editorial is not primarily to criticize or condemn -- there already is too much of this in the world. Rather, we have undertaken to do three things. First -- to somewhat examine in the light of revealed Truth, certain of the ideas embodied in this plan; second, to point to an essential need which those who formulated this Plan seem deliberately to have ignored; and, third, to call attention to a strange warning which, in the light of experience, is from the very hand of God.

In the Reader's Digest for February, the lead article is by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and is titled, "What the Dumbarton Oaks Peace Plan Means." At the outset Mr. Stettinius says: "The stake of the American people in the maintenance of peace after this war could not be greater." He is quite right. Therefore this plan, and the measure of wisdom or folly which enters into it, is of the greatest interest to each one of us. Is it, like a certain house of which the Master spoke, built upon a rock, and will it endure in time of storm? Or is it, despite its fine appearance, built upon the sand, and will it fall when some storm strikes?

Our own estimate of it is that, like the Armistice following the First World War, and the League of Nations, both of which were enthusiastically acclaimed by millions, it will fail. And it will fail for the same reason that they did -- because the only element that could give stability and strength, and which could guarantee success, was left out. It will fail because it was built upon the uncertain, shifting sand of human nature and personal interest, instead of the Rock Foundation of the Law of God as revealed by Jesus Christ. To some this will sound like mere pessimism, but only because they have failed to read either the Bible or history.

The first act of folly, by which the plan was doomed at the outset to eventual failure, was that in the working out of the Plan, according to the statement of Mr. Stettinius, "long and careful studies were made among many sorts of people in each of the four countries. In the United States advice was sought not only of technical experts in the Department of State but of political leaders of both parties in Congress, of qualified high officers of our Army and Navy, and of notable citizens of varying views."

Yet in all this they studiously by-passed a Peace Plan which was given to the world long centuries ago, not by man but by God, Himself, chiefly through Jesus Christ, for the guidance of man in just such a time of need. Had those who met to formulate this Dumbarton Oaks Peace Plan been endowed with that understanding which such an undertaking demanded, they would have given heed to a certain warning of Solomon, "Cease from thine own wisdom," and they would unitedly, humbly, prayer-

fully "enquired of the Lord, that He should do it for them," and of the Prince of Peace, that He should be with them in all their deliberations, to illumine their hearts and guide them, step by step, along the way.

Had they been truly wise--- wise enough to be trusted with the peace of the world, they would have had these words written in letters of fire upon the wall before them:

"UNLESS THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN THAT BUILD IT; EXCEPT THE LORD KEEP THE CITY, THE WATCHMAN WAKETH BUT IN VAIN."

Yet not so. A careful reading of Mr. Stettinius' article indicates that in this matter of such tremendous meaning to all the world, God was pretty well left out, despite the fact that we are now in a period of time when those who undertake to leave God out, will themselves be left out, to their own great sorrow. In all probability no one felt any particular need for Divine Guidance, so none was sought. Certainly no slightest reference was made to Him in their plan:nor was there any reference to the fact that this most terrible of wars, and also every lesser war that ever has cursed the earth, has resulted from the fact that the Divine Peace Plan, brought to man by Jesus Christ, was violated.

In this article we read: "A sound peace plan must be based on the facts as they are ..." Quite so. And chief among "the facts as they are" is this. Wars are the outcome of human lust, greed and love of money; the desire for power and possessions, and for the exploitation of other peoples; personal and national ambition, together with a hundred other forms of unrighteousness. History clearly reveals this.

No Dumbarton Oaks plan can stop wars until it is recognized that only as the human heart is changed -- only as the nations realize their need for God, and pray as did the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me," will the causes of war be removed, and the causes of Peace be established.

We are told that "The aim of the organization is twofold. It is to prevent and suppress wars." To many, especially those who were at Dumbarton Oaks, it may sound like a silly thing to say, but among "the facts as they are, is this: "He maketh wars to cease," and without His help, earned by man through obedience to His Law, and the honoring of His Name will they be brought to an end.

"PEACE ON EARTH"

"Peace on earth" will be brought to pass only as the Peace Principles of the Prince of Peace are accepted and acted upon. And when any nation practices these principles, and looks to God for defense and deliverance, then shall be fulfilled the promise:

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him."

The Word of God is: "Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

And the promise to those who trust in Him, and in His power to save, deliver and set in order, is this:

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Of course, it may be that the leaders of the Dumbarton Oaks conference did not put much stock in these things, or they would have been considered in their deliberations. Yet, the Prophetic Word, which even now is being fulfilled, declares that when the "inventions" -- the plans, schemes and systems of men have

THE LORD HELP THE CZAR, THE MACHINES REMOVE BUT IN VAIN.

failed, men and nations shall turn to the Lord, and in their terrible extremity shall seek His help.

A popular advertising slogan reads: "Eventually, why not now?" Why will the leaders of the nations permit the war, and the dread aftermath of war, to turn the world into a place of torment for years to come when it is all so unnecessary? Why should bloodshed, hunger, injustice, sorrow, pain and pestilence continue when a Divine means of bringing these things to an end has been provided, and may be had for the asking?

In this number, appearing as it does at the very heart of the Dumbarton Oaks Plan, is a warning that it will fail, and that the reason for failure is because the great essential requirement of true success -- God and His Law as set before the world by Jesus Christ -- have not been honored.

But what can we do -- we who understand these things, yet who are mere onlookers? First, we can cultivate our own faith in God, and learn to ever more fully rely on Him. We can make sure that we, ourselves, are obedient to His Law, and daily "work His works."

Second, we can ever more faithfully unite in prayer with others of every creed who see the need for a return to God, and who are ready to join with us in Prayer for the world, and in sending out the silent call to all humanity to "listen and obey."

Above all, we can join with Jesus Christ in His Great Prayer: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done."

If we but do these things, we shall reap in our own lives those blessings sent from God, which must surely follow.

NOTE: A copy of the MARCH issue of "The Manual of Prayer" from which the above article was copied -- and which contains helpful prayers and inspirational lessons in "Thy Kingdom Come" may be had by writing to Harmony Digest . . . or directly to the Christian Fellowship of Prayer, P. O. Box 706, St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Harmonization Fellowship is cooperating with the Christian Fellowship of Prayer in their world-wide program of spiritual service to all people and has adopted the "Manual of Prayer" for use in the Harmony Prayer Units. All devotees of Truth are invited to harmonize in this program of prayer and to daily make use of the prayer service suggested in the Prayer Manual.

"I SAW THE MORNING BREAK"

By Sir O. Seaman

Ye that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of this world strife,
And know that out of death and night shall rise
The dawn of ampler life;
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend the heart,
That God has given you the priceless dower
To live in these great times, and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour:
That ye may tell your sons who see the light,
And reach forth hands their heritage to take,
"I saw the powers of darkness take their flight;
I saw the morning break"!

-- reprint from "The Aquarian Age"

OURS IS THE BLESSED LAND

The Secret Destiny of America

Manly P. Hall

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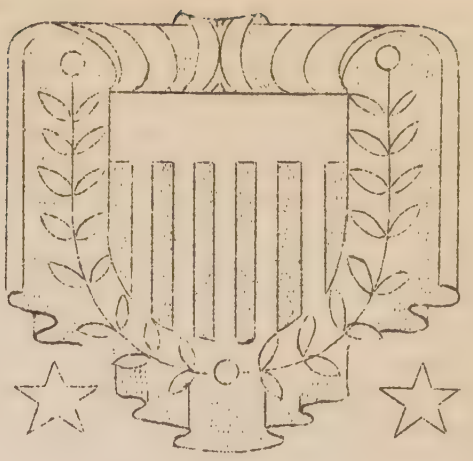


George Washington is said to have stated in the mysterious vision that occurred to General McClellan: "The United States is now confronted with its great problem, self-conquest." Plainly, there can be no path that leads to permanent peace except that which is founded upon self-conquest. It is the most difficult, the most arduous of all procedures in nature, and yet no individual who has not conquered himself can safely be entrusted with the guidance of governing of any living thing. The only individual fit to rule is the one who has ruled himself. The only nation fit to lead other nations is the nation that has conquered its own avarice and its own ambitions.

In this world the only people that can ever be happy are not those who make good laws, but those who live well with simple laws. The idea of education is the recognition that to live well is the supreme assurance of happiness. It makes very little difference how much we know of medicine, chemistry, physics, anatomy, and biology; we may know all these things and perish miserably; but if we know the simple truth that cooperation is the life of people, then we survive regardless of all other knowledge or ignorance.

Struggle for self-conquest

We see the world tearing itself to pieces in a great effort, possibly the greatest of all efforts among so-called white races for world domination, and for racial domination. Here the great nations that make up the post-Atlantean order are struggling for the great achievement of self-conquest. They are struggling to integrate their own racial and national life. They are struggling against tradition. We see the way we have always done things, opposed to the way we must do them now, or die. Before the end of the conflict some of our greatest traditions must go down.

One of our traditions that must go down is nationalism. Nationalism belongs to something that relates to adolescence, and we are coming into maturity. We must break up the whole theory of racial superiority.

In the German Reich we have the supreme monument of an attempt at racial infallibility and superiority. This is the final gasp of the old tradition, It has to go down, because greater than the superiority of races is the Brotherhood of Man. The Brotherhood of Man demands a complete breaking up of most of the things we most cherish. It demands a complete breaking up of the intolerance of religious theory, a breaking up of scientific notions, a complete breaking up of what we call the profit theory of economics, the breaking up of the entire theory of competitive politics, the breaking up of the doctrine of languages, the interest system in economics, world trade and world exploitation; it demands the reorganization of the human being on the simple, ancient premise, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This is what we started with, and we must complete it, or else die enroute.

Model Civilization

There is a small group beginning to see the facts of life, beginning to recognize that out of the great center we have here in the Western hemisphere must arise first of all a model civilization. By model I do not mean necessarily that it will be a perfect model, but an example. A civilization that will lure other nations in a similar way of living.

self-conquest

We passed through that experience once, but we were not able to maintain our leadership. Between the twenty years, 1890 to 1910, the American way was an example for practically the rest of the world. Other people began to copy everything we did and everything we had. Then, as internal problems arose within our own nation, foreign powers began to realize we had not ourselves solved the problems we were trying to "sell" to other nations. And back they went to their own customs; our ways were not solutional. We had not solved our problems ourselves.

We are coming to leadership again, and will continue to come to it until we finally face our responsibility. Our Western civilization cannot be isolated with the world moving toward unity with incredible rapidity.

We still have the virgin land for the great social experiment, the experiment that was to fulfill the dream of Bacon, the dream of Plato, Socrates, Aristotle, and the dream of Buddha and Christ. It is the dream of a civilization built according to Universal Law. Dedicated to human survival, it is a civilization in which we must learn to create new ways of doing things.

The Western world must have its own art, music, education, and religious convictions; its own culture, its own way of doing things. We cannot be a new people using an old way: we must be a new people using new and better ways. We must have the courage to break with traditional law . . . and we must do this harmoniously, cooperatively, and courageously.

The post-war situation is going to make war look like a picnic. We are really going to face a problem when we try to put the world together again! The old ways will not succeed: and if we depend upon them we will but build for other wars. We must come to the problems with new solutions, a new viewpoint on life -- and we will have to do this over the constant opposition of the uninformed, and against the howls and wails of those who would rather suffer with the old than go with the new. We are not going to be so much burdened with the problems beyond our boundaries, as with the non-cooperation of our own blood and bone. Everything must be built upon a cooperative idea of living. Everything that separates man must die out of our tradition.

Our Destiny

The destiny that has been devised for this continent, and the people upon it, is that here shall be the flowering of the race, the perfection and achievement of all this race stands for, and most of all, the solution of its great problem, the economic one. The purpose for which our face was peculiarly devised is spiritual, to solve the problems of the value of internals over externals. The externals are symbolized in terms of economics.

If we can achieve the solution, the world will become a great commonwealth of nations under the leadership and guidance of what we might term the AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. It will be the way of our intrinsic, indigenous civilization, the Western way of life which had its origin with the Mayans, the Incas, and the Red Indians, the way of life that it built up in the very mineral content of our soil. This continent, set aside for the flowering of a people, has been preserved against corruption and impoverishment of the soil for thousands of years, in order that there might develop here, the most perfectly balanced race upon the earth. We have here the power to build soundly a way of life that can bind up the wounds of the world, and bring out of humanity's chaos a great political, social, common - wealth of peoples, united in every sense, and freed forever from the threat of traditional exploitation policies. This destiny was assigned to us by the gods in the beginning. Only shall we be able to survive as we become the people to bestow survival upon other nations. We can never survive at the expense of other nations.

The dream of ages will be fulfilled. We can look for the time, when the American people will arrive at the realization that they are bigger than merely the citizenry of a great, rich country; that they are indeed a DIVINE INSTITUTION -- the hope, the dream and the aspiration of the ages; that they are peculiarly and profoundly privileged by destiny to give the world an abiding PEACE . . . one based upon their realization of the FATHERHOOD OF GOD and the BROTHERHOOD OF MAN.

VICTORY through Harmonization

"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

Intercession through Christ

ARMY OF HARMONIZED HUMANITY

Harmony Prayer Group
World Cordon of Prayer

"Each one PRAY for one"

(A Harmonization Fellowship Editorial)

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." -- 1. John, 4: 7, 8.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: . . . For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" -- 1. Timothy, 2: 1, 5.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

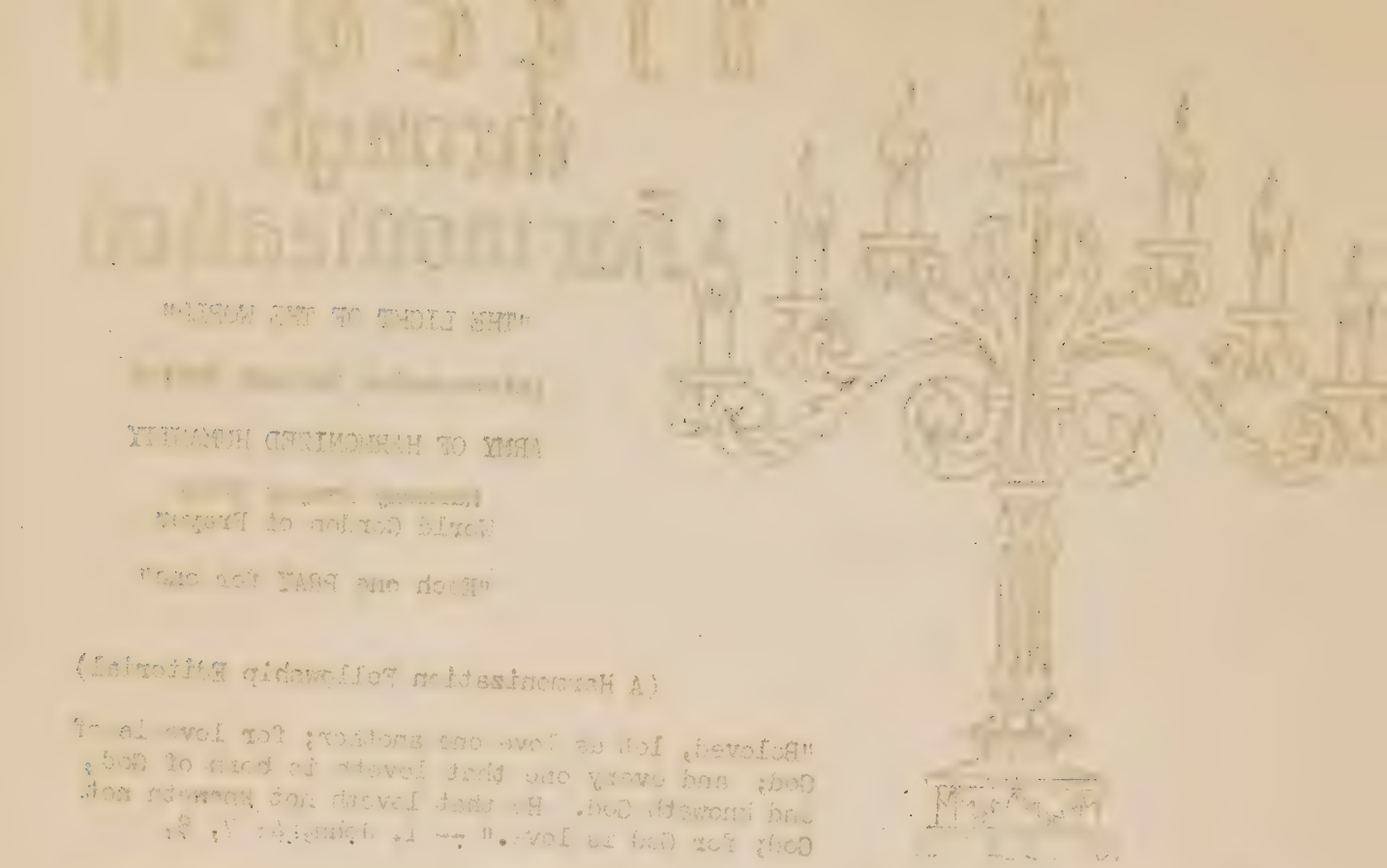
"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." -- Col. 3: 15, 16.

The inspired movement now being launched by the Harmonization Fellowship is an undenominational Christian effort to bring the selfless souls and devotees of prayer into a group consciousness and a harmonized activity and loving service of praying for each other. As all recognize their part in the Body of Jesus Christ -- and they individually experience the mystic union with their God through Christ -- they in turn enter into a consciousness of others who are joining hands with them in this Mystic Presence. Through love they make their at-one-ment with others for whom they pray.

In the Spirit of Christ they offer themselves as intercession and take over the burdens of their fellow-men.

Through harmonization with other Christed souls in the Cordon of Prayer, they experience a sense of POWER. They pray, not from the individual consciousness but from the GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS. They know that they are never alone for others are with them in the Mystic Presence -- joined through the holy bonds of Love and the Body of Christ. And as they act as intercession for others, in turn others are acting as intercession for them.

Through devotions in such a Spirit of Loving Union with Christ and his brothers, a MASTER MIND in Christ Jesus is established. As when two or more chemicals blend



and form another chemical, the two or more minds in perfect agreement experience a a mystic union which results in another MIND -- a transcendental Consciousness which includes the individual parts as well as takes on the nature of a super-dimension. This serves to act as the group mind, as another entity in a spiritual sense. Thereafter, the individuals included in this harmonized mind do not have to depend upon their own consciousness but find themselves lifted by a transcendental power -- a product independent of their own thinking and upon which they can rely to raise them to higher levels than would be possible through their own efforts alone.

Through fusion with other souls in harmonized prayer, TRANSFUSION in the Life of Christ takes place. To the extent that one gives himself in prayer and in his service to others -- denying self and serving Christ -- will the Mystic Presence be released -- will one be resurrected by the Healing Christ.

INTERCESSION THROUGH CHRIST

The true meaning of intercession through Christ with its experience of transfusion and healing is being released among contemporary disciples and devotees of the Light. There is a revival of the Holy Spirit that motivated the early Christians and charged their devotions and deeds with the Presence of the Living Christ. The Beloved Master Who appeared to them and talked and walked with them in the Form of Light and a Living Spirit -- charging their meetings and times of prayer with the Holy Ghost -- is descending in an ever increasing vibratory power. As in the days of the Apostle, modern apostles are gathering into the Upper Chamber and their intercessory prayers are becoming more and more potent with heavenly zeal and the Healing Presence.

When we understand the Oneness of All Life and the Universe of the One God as a Spiritual One of Omnipresent, Omnipotent and Omniscient Being, we realize the necessity of intercession. We are individual units of the whole body. We are interrelated; we interblend, and what affects one also touches every other one to some extent.

We accept Jesus Christ as a vicarious atonement for humanity, the Redeemer of mankind. There are some who separate Jesus, the man -- from Christ, the Son of God. But we know that this cannot be true. For Jesus became the Christ -- the Son of God and the son of man -- and at Calvary and his final initiation there was wiped out forever any separation between the son of man and the Son of God. He became the GOD-MAN. He was in the Father and the Father was in him.

Through His act of at-one-ment with humanity and his taking on the cross of Calvary, Jesus became identified with the sins, sorrows and burdens of mankind. It was necessary for Him to enter the depths of pain and darkness for him to act as intercession and allow his blood (or life) to transfuse the body of humanity. Upon His act of total surrender to the Father (when he gave up the Ghost), His temple was temporarily "rent in twain". The Christ (the form of His Light Body -- the Celestial Christ, the only "begotten Son of God") left the body of Jesus which was then taken down from the cross and pronounced "dead" or with no signs of life. But the Living Christ or Eternal Spirit, now freed from the physical limitations of the human body, entered the body of humanity and transfused the entire world with His Light -- a real "blood transfusion" in a true sense. An atom of His Body of Light was planted or hidden in the mystic union with all souls on all planes. At the end of three days, the Christ -- now eternally united or at-one with the body of humanity -- re-entered the body of Jesus which lay in the tomb. It resurrected His form and translated the body that had passed through the crucifixion into a Radiant Body of Light -- that stepped from the tomb and knew no earthly limitations.

Thus the Real Body of Christ-Jesus (not just the Christ or Spirit) became a part forever of the body of humanity. When Jesus Christ ascended or His Body was

lifted in vibratory rate to function in His Celestial Light Form, the Christ within man was lifted upwards. Forever His Body and the body of man were related. Eternally the Cosmic Christ or Jesus Christ, the Risen Christ, acts as Mediator between God and man -- a vicarious atonement -- a Living Intercession.

The Reality of man is CHRIST. Christ is the Radiant Fire from the Sun of God. As the sunshine is the radiance of the physical sun, so is the Christ Light the Radiance of the Spiritual Sun. But man fell asleep and in the depths of his physical experiences on earth forgot his divinity and it became necessary to awaken him or resurrect him that he might return to the Father's House. The only way this could be done was for the CHRIST to enter his form and ignite the dormant flame -- to transfuse his blood with the "Blood of Christ" -- for man to be "re-born" so that he might be renewed after the image of the Eternal Christ. This was accomplished through the coming of Jesus Christ, Who through His at-one-ment with man and His Eternal Nature as the Son of God was able to enter the life of man and eternally abide in his midst as the Mystic Christ -- a part of the body of the Risen Jesus Christ.

Man is united with the Father and ascends to his Father's House through his mystic union with Jesus Christ. There is no other way. Through the path of surrender -- the Path of Holiness -- of "dieing to self" and being born in Christ -- man is emptied of self, is purified, cleansed, and prepared for the at-one-ment or "blood transfusion" that will bring him under Grace -- "wash his blood whiter than snow". In order for the mystic union and transfusion to take place it is necessary for man to recognize Jesus Christ as His Savior and Redeemer. Then when he is ready for the "Immaculate Conception", there is the releasement of the Body of Christ within his form. This is the experience of the "Holy Ghost". The inner mystical experience not only brings illumination, the quickening of the mind and spirit, but produces a transformation and chemicalization within the atoms of the physical body. This is the experience of the Mystic Presence -- a pentecostal power -- a Resurrection of the Christ within man. Thereafter, the Christ Body grows within man. He is a new creature after Christ.

Man -- Intercession for his brothers.

In-as-much-as all men are a part of the One Body of Christ -- there is but One Life and all men are a part of that Life -- it becomes necessary for those in the Light to act as intercession for those still in darkness. Jesus Christ is today making the Great Sacrifice -- the vicarious atonement for mankind. It is as though one who is on a higher rung of the ladder and ascending upward stoops to lift another who is struggling below him. Through his effort of raising his brother he takes on a burden; he helps to bear the weight of another. So Christ in His Celestial Body of Light has taken on every soul -- has absorbed into His Body the very atoms of the body of humanity -- and as He rises to the Father's Home he lifts upward His brothers among men. Likewise, the enlightened one must make intercession for his brothers. Until every soul is freed, Jesus Christ is not free to make full ascension. Until every one is liberated, no man may fully enter the Kingdom of God.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

The Power in Prayer lies in the releasement of the WORD or BODY OF CHRIST. It can only be accomplished through the mystic union with the Father through Jesus Christ.

We accept all types of prayer as having some power in that they lead men to God and eventually into the experience of the mystic union. We also know that the mind is creative and thought itself has tremendous effect. But many who are trying to rise through the science of the mind -- through psychological exercise alone -- or through the changing of self in will power and suggestive methods -- will find

it impossible to pull themselves up by the bootstraps. It is not sufficient to overcome "karma" or to free man from the "law of sin and death". While we admit the constructive benefits from positive thinking and efforts of self-improvement, we know that it is only Christ and the "re-birth" in His Body of Light that will resurrect his consciousness and translate his body.

Therefore, the Way is Christ and the Path is Prayer. We find that our own ascent and mystic union depends upon our acting as intercession for others. As we offer our souls to Christ, we also offer our thoughts, deeds and creations to our brothers. We enter into the pain, sorrow, sins, and depths of man's darkness to bring the Light of Christ. As we offer a cup of water to another, we do it for Christ's sake. For as we serve to aid another -- to heal or to bless him that he might come into the Light -- we release that much of the Body of Christ into the body of humanity. We are a channel for the Christ of Redemption. Thus as we enter a path of prayer -- a journey from self to God -- we register in the Army of the Lord. We not only pray in the sense that we enter the Sanctuary of Prayer in our own household, but we enter the world of men with the Light of Christ. We live our Prayer-Life. We practice the Presence of the Living Christ. We help to release His Light into the world.

HARMONY PRAYER GROUP

The purpose of the Harmony Prayer Group is HARMONIZATION. This implies LOVE. That is the key or foundation. Hearts, filled with compassionate love for their suffering brothers, pray for them in the spirit of intercession. "Father-Mother, God, -- Jesus Christ, the Ministry of 'The Healing Christ' -- we open our hearts to Thee that we might act as channels for Thy Light to flow through. We lift up our minds to Thy Holy Presence and feel our at-one-ment with Thee. We lift up our brothers, our 'enemies', and those who seek Thy Healing Light, into Thy Living Spirit. We ask Thy Light to enter their consciousness and forms . . . to quicken and illuminate them. We bless them and speak Thy Word for them, knowing Thy Ministry and Living Presence will harmonize their minds and redeem their lives."

In accordance with the plan of the Harmonization Fellowship Foundation, the group of two or more meet in weekly meetings under this inspiration and motivation of love and prayer. The intention is for the group to expand until it has seven members. This particular group may meet under a coach for the period of twelve weeks and their project is principally that of fusion and TRANSFUSION -- agreement in the Mind of Christ -- the practice of the Mystic Presence -- and true prayer for others through the Law of Intercession, Faith and Love.

At the end of this period the plan is for those who would help to expand the Kingdom of God to enter a "Disciple" Group -- or in our organized program of what is called "The Army of Harmonized Humanity", to take officer's training in order to learn to serve as a coach or leader of other groups.

The world is needing intercessory prayer more than anything else to heal its wounds. God is needing His children to band together in the Body of Jesus Christ and to not only lovingly unite and pray for each other, but to pray the prayer of Love for all humanity.

The benefits from group harmonization in the Mystic Presence cannot be described in words. There is no way to bring this realization without the actual experience. Only those who have been privileged to enter transfusion in His Body can have part in the true communion or partake of the "bread from heaven".

May this Easter tide and the days preceding Ascension and the Day of Pentecost be charged with the Mystic Presence for you! It is here! It is more potent than ever before. Jesus Christ, the Risen Christ, is a part of your body and is loving-

ly seeking to resurrect you and to help you to ascend to your Father in Heaven! As you earnestly strive to live the life and to share with others of the Father's Good and the Light of Christ, so may you be transfused by His Holy Spirit and healed in His Body of Eternal Perfection.

"PRIVATE'S" PLEDGE

Enlistment in the "Army of Harmonized Humanity"

(If you have not signed this and are willing to do so, please fill out and return to Harmonization Fellowship, 303, Congress Hotel, Portland, Oregon NOW. . . . . Those who are privates receive the monthly mailing of the special lessons and instruction in prayer -- the HARMONY PRAYER MANUAL. This does not duplicate any other course issued by the Foundation, and they are essentially helpful to any devotee of prayer and to prayer groups. Also, lessons for coaches are issued to those requesting them.)

I recognize Jesus Christ as the only Ruler of Humanity and all men as brothers in Christ. I wish to join forces with others towards active harmonization among men. I promise to work for Universal Consciousness and World Peace to the best of my ability and to further the general cause of Harmonization through my prayers and activities in any way possible.

Signed _____

Address _____

Date _____ _____

CORDON OF PRAYER

"Each one PRAY for one"

Would you be willing to accept the spiritual responsibility and privilege of praying for another? A name from the healing list of the Ministry will be sent to you for your prayers. Only the first names of the ones requesting prayer are used . . . their identity is protected. We shall appreciate your sending us a self-addressed stamped envelope for our reply. Healing requests and Cordon of Prayer -- all Harmonization literature and the Ministry Service on the Love Offering Basis.

Check here if you would like names of men and women in the armed forces for prayer . . . . . ( )

Check here if you will accept a name from our healing list for your prayer. Names and report are sent out each month. . . . . ( )

Please state your usual time of prayer _____

Date _____ NAME _____

THE TWELVE POWERS OF MAN

Adapted from the book by this title --
by Charles Fillmore
UNITY School of Christianity --
Kansas City, Mo.

Charles Fillmore says that no one ever attained spiritual consciousness without striving for it, that man must develop the ability to do what he starts out to do. "Make your mind receptive to the higher understanding, through silent meditations and affirmations of Truth," says Mr. Fillmore. "The earnest desire to understand spiritual things will open the way, and revelations within and without will follow."

The Editor personally recommends this book for the sincere devotee seeking illumination. But it is only for the selfless and pure in heart. Mr. Fillmore says: "We do not encourage those who still have worldly ambitions to take up the development of the twelve powers of man." The author declares that you will be disappointed if you seek to use these super-powers for selfish purposes. On the other hand he says: "Unspeakable joy, glory, and eternal life are promised to those who with unselfish devotion strive to develop the Son-of-God consciousness." It is not expected that beginners in the study of metaphysical Christianity will understand this book.

The following is in no way a review of the book nor is it an adequate representation of it.

Jesus prophesied the advent of a race of men who would sit with Him on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. This book explains the meaning of this mystical reference, what and where the twelve thrones are, and what attainments are necessary by man before he can follow Jesus in this phase of his regeneration. It aims to clear up the mystery that ever envelopes the advent, life, and death of Jesus. To the superficial reader of the Gospels His Life was tragedy and, so far as concerns the kingly reign that was prophesied, it was a failure. Yet those who understand the subtlety of the soul and the supremacy of Spirit see that Jesus was conqueror of a psychic force that was destroying the human race.

Jesus was the star actor in the greatest drama ever played on earth. This drama was developed in the celestial realm, its object being to inject new life into perishing men. The full significance of this great plan of salvation cannot be understood by man until he awakens faculties that relate him to the earth beneath and the heavens above.

It has long been prophesied that the time was ripe for the advent on this planet of a new race, and there has been much speculation as to the character and advent of the superman. Herein is set forth the metaphysical idea of the spiritual quickening of man on the human plane and his transformation into the divine; not by a miracle or the fiat of God, but by the gradual refinement of the man of flesh into the man of Spirit. As Paul taught, "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

Jesus, the "first-fruits" Jesus was the "first-fruits" of those who are coming out of the mortal into the immortal. He was the type man, the Way-Shower and, through following His example and taking on His character as a spiritual-minded man, we shall come into the same consciousness. Spiritual discernment always precedes demonstration, consequently more is taught in this book as a possibility of attainment by man than has been demonstrated by any man save Jesus.

Release of the body energy Those who feel that they are ready for the great adventure in the attainment of eternal life in the body here and now should not be deterred because there are no outstanding examples of men who have

risen to this most exalted degree. Through mental energy, or the dynamic power of the mind, man can release the life of the electrons secreted in the atoms that compose the cells of his body. Physical science says that if the electronic energy stored in a single drop of water were suddenly released its power would demolish a six-story building. Who can estimate the power stored in the millions of cells that compose the human body? The method of release of this body energy and its control are mystically taught by Jesus. He was transfigured before His disciples. "And his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light." Before His crucifixion He had attained such mastery over His body cells that He told the Jews that they might destroy His body and "in three days" He would "raise it up." He demonstrated this in the resurrection of His body after it had been pronounced lifeless. When He disappeared in a cloud He simply unloosed the dynamic atoms of His whole body and released their electronic energy. This threw Him into the fourth dimension of substance, which He called the "kingdom of the heavens".

The dynamic energy that man releases through prayer, meditation, and the higher activities of his mind is very powerful. The electronic energy in man is a form of fire, and must be used unselfishly. If used to further the selfishness of man it becomes destructive, through the cross currents that it sets up in the nervous system.

The Redeemed Man Jesus, the Great Teacher, gave many lessons for our instruction, the greatest and most mystical being the Book of Revelation. Here He showed Himself to John as He is in His redeemed body. This gives us a glimpse of what the redeemed man is like, and what we shall attain when we "awake, with thy likeness." It is to be understood that this was not a vision of a man who had died and gone to a heaven up in the skies, but it was the opening of John's eyes to existence in what may be termed the fourth-dimension man.

The spiritual realm of interpenetrating state of being Jesus called the kingdom of heaven. He said that it was like a treasure hid in a field, which, when a man discovered it, he would sell all that he had to buy. The majority of Christians believe that they are going to this heaven when they die, but Jesus does not teach that the dead go first to glory. On the contrary, Jesus teaches that death may be overcome. "If a man keep my word he shall never see death."

The Twelve Powers of man The subconscious realm in man has twelve great centers of action, with twelve presiding egos or identities. When Jesus Christ had attained a certain soul development, He called His twelve disciples to Him. This means that when man is developing out of mere personal consciousness into spiritual consciousness, he begins to train deeper and larger powers; he sends his thought down into the inner centers of his organism, and through his word quickens them to life. Scripture symbology calls the heads of departments in man's consciousness the twelve disciples. Each of these twelve department heads has control of a certain function in soul or body. Each of these heads works through an aggregation of cells that physiology calls a "ganglionic center". Jesus, the I AM or central entity, has His throne in the top head, where phrenology locates spirituality. This is the mountain where He so often went to pray.

The first disciple that Jesus called was Peter. Peter represents faith in things spiritual, faith in God. The location of the disciple, Peter, is the center of the brain. Likewise, each disciple has its place in the body. The baptizing power of the word is poured upon the center during meditation. Impotence is vitalized with new life, and the whole subconsciousness is awakened and quickened. The word of the Lord is there sown in the body, and once the word of the Lord is sown in any of these centers -- the cells of which are like blank phonograph records -- they take the thought that is given them, and send it through the whole organism. The baptism of strength goes to the uttermost parts of the body, and every one of the twelve disciples, under the divine law feels the new strength. When a center loses its power it should be baptized by the word of Spirit.

For example, the back grows weak under the burden of material thought. If you are given to pains in your back, you may know at once that you need treatment for freedom from material burdens. Take your burdens to Christ. You should baptize and cleanse with your spiritual word every center, as Phillip baptized the eunuch of Gaza. Baptism is cleansing. It always represents the erasing power of the mind.

These twelve powers are all expressed and developed under the guidance of Divine Mind. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." You must keep the equipoise; you must, in all the bringing forth of the twelve powers of man, realize that they come from God: that they are directed by the Word of God, and that man (Jesus) is their head.

Jesus said: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." That cross is not a burden, as commonly understood, but is a symbol of the forces in man adjusted in their right relation. The body of Jesus was lifted up and nailed to the cross, which indicates that the physical man must be lifted into the harmony of Spirit and adjusted to its four-dimensional plane, represented by the four branches of the crosstree.

Man thinks in the fourth dimension, but his body, in its present fleshly consciousness, can express in three dimensions only. Hence we must cleanse our thoughts by denying materiality. Then the flesh will become radiant ether with power to penetrate all so-called material substance. But before this can be done the mind of the man must become John the Baptist -- it must be cleansed by the waters of denial, and the old, material ideas must be put away forever.

John the Baptist is now moving swiftly among the children of men. His cry is heard in many hearts today, and they are following him in the wilderness of sense. But the bright light of the Christ still shines in Galilee, and they who are earnest and faithful shall see it and be glad.

All spiritual metaphysicians know that the body and the blood of Jesus were purified and that each cell was energized with original spiritual substance and life, until all materiality was purged away and only the pure essence remained. This vitamin, or essence of life and substance, was sown as seed in the whole race consciousness, and whoever through faith in Christ draws to himself one of these life germs becomes inoculated to that degree with Jesus Christ quality, and not only the mind but also the body is cleansed. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit; for apart from me ye can do nothing."

PRAYER OF FAITH

Henry Victor Morgan

(1)

One sweetly blessed thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er.
I'm in my Father's house today,
And shall be evermore.

(2)

Within my Father's house,
Where many glories be,
Where I may see the Father's face
In every face I see.

(3)

Within my Father's house,
Life's burdens all laid down,
Beneath each seeming cross to find
Love's everlasting crown.

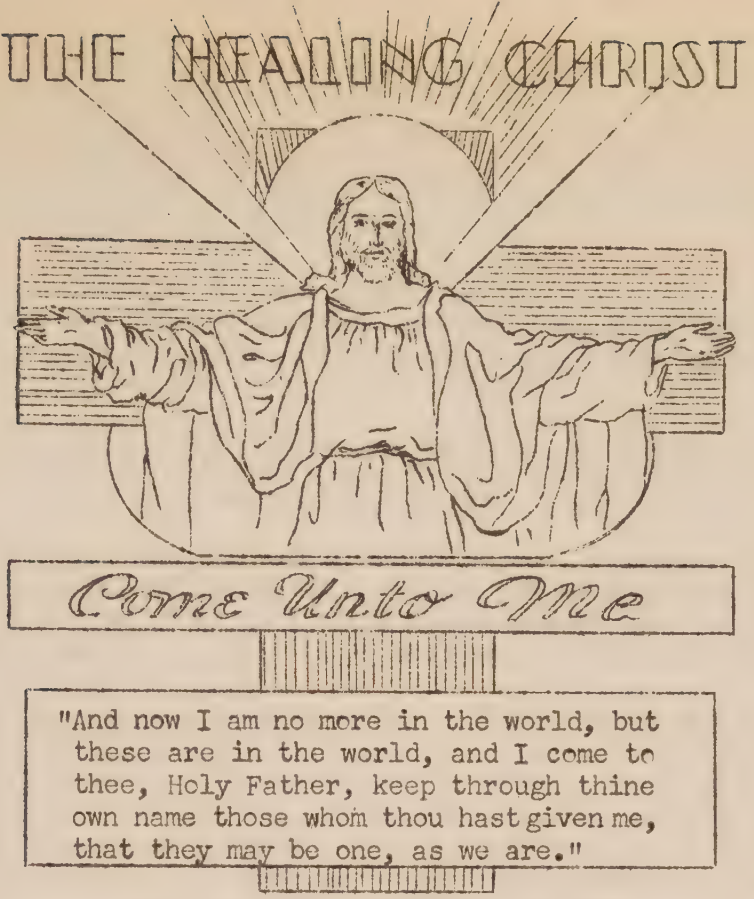
. . . . . .

(4)

No cloud can come between
My Father's love and me,
No shadow cast by death or change
Through all eternity.

(5)

Through all Thy mansions fair,
My raptured soul made free,
Shall pass from life to life unchanged,
At one, O God, with Thee.


THE HEALING CHRIST
Come Unto Me
"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."

"WALKING WITH THE RISEN CHRIST"

condensed from the lessons in "Harmony that Heals"
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"The Comforter"; communing in His Mystic Presence. True prayer with Christ.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." -- St. Luke 24: 49-53

The victory over the cross was won by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemene when he prayed, "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me, nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

He received his help from the Father "and there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him."

To walk with Christ

To walk with Christ means we must travel with "The Risen Christ". To do this we must have a vehicle capable of travelling on the transcendental planes. If we wished to journey with a companion we must use a similar vehicle capable of travelling at the same rate of speed. If he walks the highway we will walk with him at his same gait. If he goes by motor car we will either ride in his car or operate a machine that can keep apace with him. If he decides to go by faster means and rides in an aeroplane we will have to do likewise.

To walk with the Risen Christ means we must have a body vehicle and consciousness capable of transcendental experience. It must become quickened so that it can function in the higher planes. This may be accomplished through a purification process and the practice of true prayer and communion in His Mystic Presence.

Unawakened ones whose minds are focused upon ideas of the power of things and forces to affect them are forever subject to sickness and the frailities of the race. It is easy for them to accept any negative picture that is projected before them and they are constantly subject to being devitalized by the negative currents of race consciousness. They are indeed travelling in the lower densities and are certainly not walking with "The Risen Christ".

When man is quickened and comes under the belief that he is Immortal and can function himself as "The Risen Christ" through the Resurrection of His Divine Self, he begins to accept only positive pictures from the Christ Mind and to reject all negative pictures from the race thought.

To the unawakened one the Law of the Subconscious operates supreme. Hence, he travels as the instinctive man on the levels of material and animal planes. There is nothing under this Law that would lift man above this state.

But the Christ is given to man to impregnate him with the vitalizing and resurrecting power to lift him above this law. When man comes under the belief there is a Power and Law above that of his subconscious and instinctive being, he goes through a regenerative process that transcends the limited and mortal plane.

The disciple on the path must practice POSITIVE BELIEF and regenerative prayer until he builds it into his light form . . . the pattern of the CHRIST that he in Reality IS. He must seek to become freed from the Law of the Subconscious and its pictures of limitation and evil through photographing upon his mind the concept of his spiritual nature, and by living, believing in, and enjoying the idea of actually functioning in the Kingdom of God with the Risen Christ here and now.

Practice the Art of Dramatization. Dramatize a picture of Jesus Christ as the Risen Christ of Light; then see your own form of Light and blending in harmony with that of Christ. Think of and imagine your body as a bundle of spiritual energy, more than flesh and blood. If you will do this your mind will vibrate with the spiritual elements, the atoms of your body will be lifted up in vibration, and you will experience some degree of ascension.

As you walk down the street feel that you are being energized by the Power of God and the Vital Substance of the Risen Christ. Talk to yourself to that effect, such as "I am being vitalized by the Presence of Christ." "Christ in me." "I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me." "I AM THE LIVING CHRIST." "The Resurrecting Christ and Divine Presence is now resurrecting my form."

The same Power that raised Jesus from the dead is that Presence of the Risen Christ that is forever with us now; for us to claim and to use at all times. It is simply a matter now of believing in it, of claiming it, of making vital use of it. This is the picture you must get before the subconscious to resurrect it from its tomb of dead beliefs and mortal limitations.

From the realm of the subconscious come the temptations that would keep man connected with the forces of darkness and evil. This is the mind of the flesh, and as Jesus said; "The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

The disciples slept while the Master prayed that last night. They were not prepared for the experience of the cross when the morning came, for even Peter yielded to his instinct to save himself when he denied his Lord as the Master had prophecied. But after the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus -- after He came to His disciples and gave them the Holy Ghost, they were endued with "power from on high." Through their prayer and at-one-ment with the Risen Christ they were given courage, faith, power, and wisdom such as had never been given to man before. The Law of the Subconscious no longer had any power over them. No longer did they enter into temptation.

THE COMFORTER

What was this miraculous and mystic power that Christ gave to them as He had promised would be given if He left them and went unto His Father?

He told them: "For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." St. Luke 12: 12. Later the disciples who were on the whole unlettered men spoke with great wisdom and without preparation or coaching of a human nature. They could do nothing without this Power, but through it they performed miracles.

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I AM in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you."
-- St. John 14: 16-20.

And the disciples in that day did know. That which had not been plain to them when Jesus had tried to teach them, -- now they understood.

Nature of the "Holy Ghost"

What is this Comforter. . .this "Holy Ghost" . . . Mystic Presence of the Living Christ . . . which the disciples today need as much as did those disciples to whom Jesus personally promised it. Its nature is of that mystic element known as LIFE. In its lower octaves of expression on the physical planes it produces new life upon the union of the sexes. In its higher octaves upon union of the ego and the Christ it releases LIFE, or the very body of Christ -- known as the "Holy Ghost". This brings about an immaculate conception or impregnation of the Christ within. Quickening or resurrection of the human consciousness to a Divine State or at-one-ment with the Father is the result. As our blood connects our cells and feeds them in every portion of our body, similarly does His "Blood " or Life connect our individual lives and feed them with His Mystic Presence.

Because of His union with humanity and His going unto the Father who was greater than He, humanity was lifted up in a Cosmic Sense to make union with the Father and to attain heavenly consciousness through Christ. Through harmonization with Jesus Christ and the quickening of the form in the transfusion of His Life with yours, you are re-incarnated in the Body of Christ -- "born again" and resurrected into your Divine and Immortal Nature. It is the only way. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." -- St. John 14-16.

Henceforth, the quickened disciple acts from the CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS. It is similar to a blood transfusion. It is not alone his blood coursing through his veins, but that of another -- the LIVING CHRIST JESUS -- "blood" that gives him strength, virility, and perfect life.

Henceforth, the ego is joined with the Christ . . . functions in the "Mind of Christ Jesus". Thereafter, he receives the inspiration, courage and power of Christ rather than the limited ideas of a mortally conscious human.

Putting on the Christ

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We learn to abide in Christ. We let our consciousness rest in an at-one-ment with Him. We put on the Christ. We "put on the NEW MAN, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."

Thus we begin our Path of Ascent with Christ. We enter into His Initiation. We return to Jerusalem with great joy where we will "tarry until we be endued with power on high." We enter into the Temple of Silence, into devout worship in our heart center. We prepare ourselves for the Upper Chamber where we may be filled with His Pentecostal Power; that we may ascend into our Divine nature and be victorious through Christ.

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"IN MY FLESH I SHALL SEE GOD"

Louise B. Brownell

There are two ways of facing and dealing with sudden pains and inharmonies which so often assail us in life. Through fear and racial or hereditary belief, we often magnify the pain and inharmony into greater proportions in accordance with the degree in which we allow our imagination to impress our consciousness, and thus further build on it day by day if the discomfort does not immediately subside. Or we can take the stand of Truth which leads to peace and liberation, by affirming unceasingly with Job until the manifestation disappears: "In my flesh I shall see God," or better still, change it to present tense -- "In my flesh I now see God."

Recognizing God's Omnipresence, and seeing only His pure substance and perfection in your flesh, soon brings a victory. Instead of magnifying every sudden pain and wondering if it might develop into one of the diseases that part of the body is subject to, fix your mind wholly on God, remembering that wonderful promise, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (health) whose mind is stayed on Thee, for he trusteth in Thee" (in God's omnipotence).

Metaphysicians of all ages have demonstrated that fixing our minds on God and His ever-present Kingdom, power and perfection, brings in many cases instantaneous freedom. Not only healers but thousands and thousands of people with faith have proven this law and know that when in our flesh we see and recognize only God we find that "Now (not in the future) is the accepted time, NOW is the day of salvation."

All healers know that instead of fixing our minds on the patient and the supposed disease we must look away from disease and see only health. We must look away from darkness and see only light. We must look away from grief and despair and see only happiness and rejoicing. Above all we must hold to this Reality, the manifestation as it is in God's Divine Kingdom, until it appears.

Christ never saw disease.

The Christ accomplished wonderful healing which has been an example to His disciples down through the ages. But how often we fail to remember that He never saw disease. He saw only God in Himself and His fellowmen and affirmed always, "I and my Father are one." Where there was seeming death He saw only life. Where there was blindness He saw perfect sight. Where there was sin He saw the soul washed white as snow. In the flesh of all those who came to Him for healing, He saw only God.

You who desire health must SEE ONLY GOD IN YOUR FLESH. God who has three aspects, the Creator, the Destroyer and the Preserver. The creator of the good, the destroyer of the old, worn out and the evil, and the Preserver and sustainer of the perfect; God who created your body from only two tiny cells in the body of your mother, in seven short months, finishing its first cycle of existence as a perfectly formed body with every part complete and functioning, requiring only the additional time of gestation to attain more weight and strength, before its entry into mortal existence -- God whose intelligence controls the destroyers of the dead cells in our bodies and the builders of the new, that these bodies of ours under proper assimilation and elimination might never grow old, but instead rebuild themselves every few years.

Keeping our minds stayed on God within and without, we Know His health is established in us, and with Solomon, we acknowledge His Presence, knowing His "words are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh." Keeping the mind stayed on God "He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways."

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APPROACH TO MEDITATION

Anne Pierce

from "The Beacon"

Why do we turn to Meditation?

Under what compulsion do we turn to meditation? Is it as one driven by a sense of duty with a hope for personal growth and increased inner strength and peace? Is it because we hardly dare not to meditate, knowing what we do of the need, our responsibility, and our futility unless allied with inner power -- some contact with the world of meaning and causation? Or do we "flee as a bird to the mountain," joyously, seeking at-one-ment with the Master in the Head and in the Heart of all, with a sense of turning home to our natural habitat to re-fresh and re-store our souls, that we may go out again from The Secret Place to serve as a soul, to carry a light from which others may light their light? Around the dome of the reading room in the Congressional Library in Washington is a series of illuminated words. One reads, "As one light lights another nor grows less, so nobleness enkindleth nobleness."

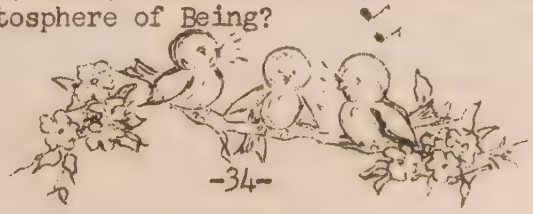
Surely fixation on our soul contact may be only sublimated selfishness in a subtle form, unless we recognize that there is no "my soul" and "your soul" but one soul, for on that plane all is one. The tension involved in any true meditation is doubtless why we shrink from initiating it. It is the inertia of the flesh that holds us back, and again there is a weariness both from fatigue and from dissatisfaction with our progress -- the standing before a door without the power to swing it open into a higher plane of consciousness. There was a painter once who when asked how he came to paint so perfectly said, "By being willing to paint poorly," not content but willing to tolerate it with a "divine dissatisfaction" and work on.

Steady, faithful, building.

The steady, faithful building into consciousness even of meditative thought gives orientation and awareness to the life as lived, and brings us nearer to our goal if we have endurance to go on and on without the inspiration of conscious soul contact. We are told it is there, we do not bring it through into consciousness via the brain like the fish that swim in the waters, looking for the sea. But we are surely building the buttresses of the Bridge of Light; the bridging from the lower, concrete mind to the higher abstract mind of principle, causation, of genius, of straight knowledge without rationalization, of intuition, is proceeding and in some time of great tension, or compassionate service, perhaps of anguish for others, when the little self is forgotten, there will come that fusion of the lower and higher lights in which all separateness is burned away, the at-one-ment of soul and personality is made, and we on our Great Highway to the final at-one-ment of Spirit and Matter.

Meditation the living of life.

If the soul is entombed in the flesh and works toward resurrection and ascension through the sublimation of the lower nature, meditation is the process through which this takes place, provided meditation is not a withdrawal from life but rather the living of life, within and without, with dynamic, one-pointed, conscious intensity. The bird in a cage, its gift of wings rendered futile, leading a cramped and narrow life, will instinctively fly out and up when the door is opened, with no hesitation. Should we not with the same eager, glad, spiritual instinct use the way of meditation, to try our wings in the stratosphere of Being?



Harmony and Music

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"

and

"HALLELUJAH CHORUS"

by

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If among all the beautiful music in the world, the oratorio is the tone-cathedral, the record for achieving this masterpiece of musical architecture belongs to the master-musician-architect -- George Frederick Handel, who was born at Halle, Lower Saxony, in 1685.

Handel himself was a simple, direct, bluff, and masterful personality. In this his greatest masterpiece he took a few well-worn harmonies, sequences and points of imitation between the human voice and instruments, and put them together with an unerring sense of balance into mighty choruses, duets, and solos that have appealed for centuries to English-speaking peoples just because they are direct, bluff, and masterful.

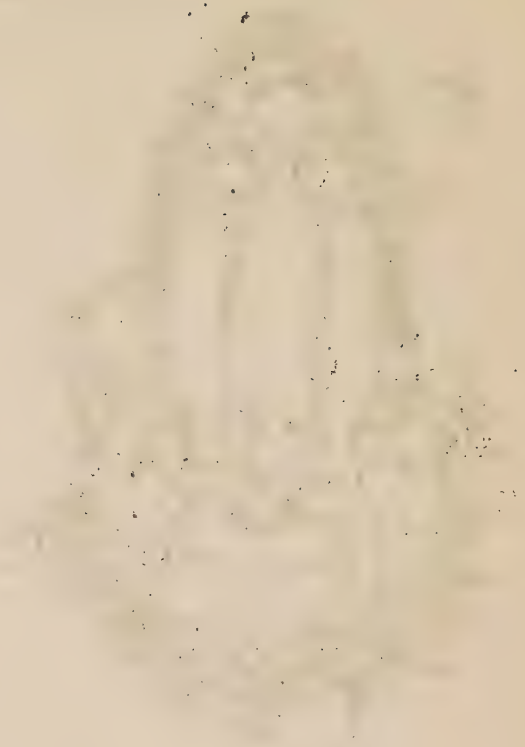
For Handel's "Messiah" is a tone-cathedral of which all the nations of the world may be justly proud, and for which humanity as a whole must ever be grateful. Mated with the mightiest of themes, this superb masterpiece has been compared to that music which will delight and exalt the human soul in its future redeemed and more blessed state of existence.

How wide and wonderful the influence of Handel's "Messiah" has been will, perhaps, never be fully known. It appeals to men and women and young people of all classes and grades of social and intellectual culture, and furnishes the most appropriate and impressive sacred Christmas and Easter music known. It has doubtless been heard by larger audiences and a greater number of people than any other sacred music ever composed.

If the oratorio is a favorite with music lovers everywhere, what can we say of the appeal of its magnificent angels' "Hallelujah Chorus"? Nearly every young person has at some time heard this mighty chorus from the "Messiah". Yet not all of them know what Scripture the composer of this marvelous chorus had in mind as he brought the "Messiah" to its grand and triumphant close.

The musical story of Jesus

Handel loved Bible stories, especially those that centered around the life of Jesus. He had heard them from early childhood, and as he grew to manhood he told these beautiful stories to others in musical form. The story of Jesus going to His heavenly home, after His resurrection from the dead, was particularly appealing to him. He thought about it a great deal.



One day Handel remembered a poetic psalm that he thought expressed the words which the angels must have been singing as Jesus returned to heaven after His resurrection. This poem is found in Psalms 24:7-10, and reads:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors;
And the King of Glory will come in.

If you will play, or have someone play, the "Hallelujah Chorus" for you, while you listen to the music you will hear the song the angels sang as they welcomed Jesus back to His heavenly Father's home. It will help you to hear if you will repeat this psalm softly as the music of this marvelous chorus is being played, beginning with the fifth measure through to the tenth.

To welcome Him, Handel imagined all the hosts of heaven sang a song of praise -- the angels that were with Jesus and the angels that were by the gates, and the angels who were around the throne of God all sang praises to Jesus, the Friend and Redeemer of mankind. And the wonderful song that they sang, Handel makes the climax of his marvelous "Hallelujah Chorus".

The last words of that song of praise are, -- "And He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" Listen as the closing notes of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" are being played for you, beginning with the last note of the tenth from the last measure.

When you hear the mighty swell of this triumphant climax of the angels' chorus, you do not wonder that Queen Victoria, when first she heard Handel's "Messiah," laid aside her own crown and stood with her husband in recognition of that King of Kings who is above all, and who must reign supreme in every life that triumphs. Even to this day it is customary for audiences in English-speaking countries to stand throughout the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus".

At Easter-time and especially on Ascension Sunday when we remember the joyous return of Jesus to His heavenly home, we should keep ringing in our own hearts the angels' "Hallelujah Chorus" as it has come down to us through the centuries in the "Messiah", and remember that our triumphant reunion with Him in His Father's home is conditioned on triumphant, creative living on our part as we continue to tell the story of His love to others everywhere.

"PLAYING THE ORGAN OF LIFE"

by Ethel G. Holmes

Fifty years ago no house was considered to be properly furnished that did not have a piano. This was not just a piece of furniture, for every child was made to take lessons on it. These were enforced, in the case of the unmusical child, as long as the patience of his parents could hold out. But for the even slightly musical child, as well as the genius, the y proved to be a source of pleasure and enlightenment which remained with him as long as he lived, whether or not he continued to work upon the piano itself. This was before the days of radio. Music did not fill the house then with the mere turn of the dial. Those who wanted music had to produce it for themselves, and to be able to play some instrument was considered a part of the education of an intelligent person.

As a matter of note, most children instinctively like music. The baby pushes down the keys of the piano and beams upon his parents at the pleasant sound he has produced. Most children will attempt to dance to a rhythmic melody. It is the ease with which it can now be obtained that has superseded the lessons of the past. But to listen to music does not give the satisfaction of personally producing it, and it is to be hoped that the knowledge and familiarity which is being given to the modern child will bear fruit in the years to come in greater appreciation and even in the creation of greater masterpieces.

Man, a wonderful instrument. Spirit Organ

Every man comes to earth nowadays possessed of an instrument more wonderful than any piano, organ or orchestra all combined into one. An instrument whose tones extend from earth to heaven and on which he can produce every concord of life. This is his Spirit organ, universal in its power. Sitting at its keyboard he can draw forth the silence of the stars, the colors of the rainbow, or the harmonies of heaven. As soon as he is big enough to touch the keys, he is set upon the stool by his parents, to learn the first lesson of life. They will pull out the stops for him at first while he gently presses down the keys, then as he grows older it is his to manipulate according to his every wish and desire. The whole instrument is his, perfect in itself for his sole use, but he has to learn to play it, just as one has to learn to play on any musical instrument.

Some take to it easily. Some refuse to practice except under compulsion. Some are manually well equipped, while others find every move one of the greatest difficulty. But there it is and unlike the piano of the past, it has to be played on, for to live is to play it. Every act, thought or feeling produces concord or discord. If man desires happiness and harmony, he does well to learn how to manipulate it, for badly used it may be the producer of deafening discords.

As long as he lives he must keep playing. Of course unless he develops strength of personality and understanding, he will make so little sound upon it that it will be lost in the general noise of other lives. But as he grows in strength he may roll out from it the thunder of war, or a resounding hymn of universal brotherhood.

Child Players egoistic blowing

Up to the present time humanity has hardly begun to know the rudiments of its spiritual organ. Like the child with a new trumpet, whose blare feeds its sense of importance, the world resounds with this egoistic blowing. Just as the brasses in the orchestra may outsound the strings until they are not able to be heard at all, so these deafening child players, prevent the exquisite melodies of the more advanced personalities from being audible. But fortunately they do grow up and finding themselves unpopular through this determined disregard for other people they learn to take their place in the orchestra of life, for brasses are needed as well as strings if the whole is to function perfectly. Once merged into the organization, the player finds that instead of losing pleasure by it, the music of the other instrument becomes in a way his music also. Though he has only learned to play his own instrument, he realizes that in giving his part to the whole, the whole orchestra gives him its combined music in return. That as an isolated player, he was nothing, but as a unit of the whole he has become one with the life of the whole. He is learning to live the life of all humanity, to enjoy the power of the whole orchestra as his power and harmony.

Leader of the orchestra

As man develops further, he learns to become the leader of the orchestra. Now he does not actually play the individual instruments, but he must know their every vibration, that he may call upon them at the proper times when their particular tone quality will add to the perfect concord. He must appreciate the value of every individual personality, the need for the pure flute tones as well as the deep sustaining roll of the double

basses. His soul must be sensitized to the moments when one sound must dominate and the others become supporting. The conductor must know and gain the affection of his musicians or they will not trust him and will not answer to his baton at the moments of climax. Again he must merge his personality into the spirit of the composition, and one with the orchestra and they one with him in soul harmony, the music must speak through them all, they but the performers, the channels for the thought of the composer's inspiration.

Man, the Composer, Conductor, and the Player.

And now having learned to play all these parts in the life of his community, man is ready to turn to his own instrument to begin to draw forth its stops, and produce harmonies from his own inner life, his soul and spirit. Now he must become the composer, the conductor, and the player. The keyboard of life is there before him, responsive to his every humor. Yet if he relies only on the limitations of his personality, he will miss many harmonies of which his instrument is capable. His composition will remain earthly and he will not be able to sound the universal pedals.

If he would grasp the fullness of life, he must merge himself into its inner principles, just as the player or the conductor surrendered all personal bias into the good of the whole. As an individual human he can never extend his consciousness to the heights of universal feeling, but when he remembers that this is but his outer garb for a Christ Presence within him his mind and soul will be stirred, and he will realize that in surrender to that Inner Light he will find his salvation, and will attain consciousness of his universal understanding, as it is released to live its Heavenly Powers through him.

Divinely Illumined, the chord of Universal Brotherhood.

Within this, his spirit, he will find his mind extending and his soul awakened. Life will open itself before him and behind him, and he will see himself living in eternity, and not just a lifetime according to human calculation is his, but the immortality of a Spirit Being. Then the Christ Mind within him will show him that All Spirit is God, and all men are bearers of His Spirit as their own kingdom and power, with which God has endowed them. That He may enter into them and as their own spirit, through His Presence there, they will be transformed into His Perfect Children and He be glorified. Then man, divinely illumined, will strike upon his keys the chord of universal brotherhood, and he will awaken kindred vibrations in every heart he reaches, just as the sounding of a single note will cause that note to vibrate in every other instrument in its vicinity.

To write music for the organ of his universal life to play, man must turn to his Universal Life within him and surrender to its outpouring harmonies, that unimpeded by any thought of his, its Heavenly Blessings may well forth into his being and the world, music that every soul must feel to be its own, that shall unite humanity into ONE HARMONY OF SOUND. Then every organ shall become as one great orchestra singing the unison of all created things, the song of universal oneness. Every Spirit ONE IN HARMONY, for all life is one and all that one is God.

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NO TONE SO SWEET

The call of man, in the words of one of the greatest of all biblical seers, is to "Put off the old man and put on the new."

It was the ecstatic realization of this at-one-ment with the divine within, that brought forth from that illumined medieval seer, Angelus Silesius, his victorious chant:

In all eternity there is no tone so sweet
As when man's heart with God doth meet.

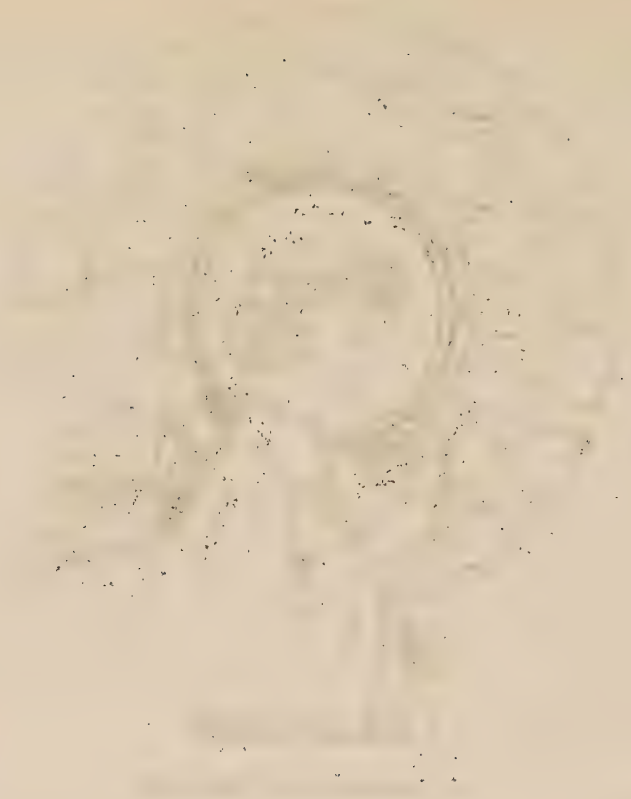
-- from "Healing and Regeneration through Music" . . . by Corinne Heline

The Last Rose

H. Genevieve Metcalf

As slanted gold illumed the farthest garden wall
It bloomed, where lately other flowers had been, --
The last rose.
I gazed in silent contemplation
As its crimson-petalled curves were fused with night ...
-- Still lingered, till the rising moon
Discovered it with alabaster light ...
Once more, like Shah Jahan, I watched in the Jasmine Tower
As the moon-carved Taj Mahal emerged from amber dusk:
Came the echo of a woman's voice,
"If you remember, I will live ..."
At the jewelled murmur,
Again I stood within a dome-shaped room
Where sunlit flowers cast their fretted patterns
Upon a lattice-shadowed floor.
-- I will live ... Three notes that rising,
Blended in a perfect chord --
Echoed until my heart, ascending,
Viewed a stained rose window.
I heard a choir of voices raised triumphantly in song:
"I will live, -- if you remember ... I will live ..."

-- Reprinted from "The Bard"



NEW AGE SCREEN INTERPRETATIONS

"THE SONG OF BERNADETTE"

by Corinne Heline

The screen drama, The Song of Bernadette, revolves around the conflict that has arisen in our modern world between the illumined heart and the unillumined mind. For a better understanding of the theme which this play develops with extraordinary fidelity to truth, a reference to an event in the past spiritual history of mankind will prove helpful.

For a period of about eight hundred years extending approximately from 500 B.C. to 300 A.D., the Archangelic Hosts through Michael, whose rank is second only to the Christ, focused Their Forces upon earth for the purpose of bestowing a special measure of spiritual illumination upon the whole of mankind.

The effect of this release of light and power found expression in the Golden Analects given to China by Confucius, in the Noble Eightfold Path given to India by Buddha and in the transcendental philosophy developed in Greece during her Golden Age. These all bore the impress of Michael, the Sun Spirit, whose chief mission it was to prepare the human race for the coming of the Supreme Master, the Lord Christ.

This divinely inspired mission of Michael reached its high climax among the early Christians whose esoteric groupings grew in grace and power until about the close of the third century of our era, after which a decline set in that has had no reversal to this date. Gradually these Christian communities were dispersed and the high truths they taught and practiced became embodied in doctrines and crystallized in creeds. The life of religion became entombed in highly organized but relatively impotent forms, the results of which are in no small part portrayed with true poignancy in The Song of Bernadette.

After the inauguration of the Christian Dispensation and the Ascension of its founder, the Christ, the leadership of the Christian School passed to the blessed Madonna Mary. This was a known fact to the early Christians and hence the prominence which she immediately assumed in the early Church and which she has rightly maintained in one branch of the Christian Church from that day to this.

After the withdrawal by the Archangel Michael of the special outraying Force from His Kingdom, man commenced to cultivate the qualities of the mind more than those of the heart. The result of this was the development of science and a growing materialistic outlook, culminating in the civilization of our own day in which a cold and critical intellect lords it over the one-time devout, believing heart. Emphasis shifted from a life centered in the loving, knowing heart to the skeptical, reasoning mind which so far influenced the Church and the whole of our civilization as to make possible tragedies of the kind presented in The Song of Bernadette.

This screen production, set in the France of the middle nineteenth century, portrays scenes from the life of the simple little peasant girl, Bernadette, who had been chosen by the "Blessed Lady" to bring about the healing miracle of Lourdes. Bernadette represents that minority in whom faith is still strong and untroubled by doubts but which is not sufficiently enlightened with knowledge to command the allegiance of that far greater number of scientifically inclined questioners.

Frail, sensitive, chaste and unsophisticated, she provided an ideal medium of communication between the inner and the outer worlds. It was an easy matter to raise her consciousness to the point where she could see into the etheric realms and observe the activities going on behind the veil of matter. But to relate what she so beheld was to invite ridicule and to go about fulfilling the mission assigned by the Queen of Heaven was to stir up trouble of every kind. Singularly pathetic was the parish priest's reaction to Bernadette's recital of the experiences she had encountered with the "Beautiful Lady". There was no comprehension of the girl's message or mission. While presumably versed in matters pertaining to the higher worlds it took a long time before he was able to credit the possibility of this girl's conscious contact with a being on the inner planes of nature. And so without knowledge or understanding he scornfully reproaches Bernadette for having presumed to bring him a message from Mary and sends her away from his presence, broken hearted, with the warning not to allow herself to be imposed upon nor to attempt to impose her delusions on others.

It is a long descent that man has made into a blinding materialism since the days of the early Christians when men and angels communed freely together. The spiritual life of our civilization has fallen to a level where the higher truth has become obscured and the blind lead the blind.

Under the continuous persecution by both the civil and ecclesiastical authorities for no other offense than that of having the gifts of clairvoyance and clairaudience, gifts which they suspected as dangerous and of an evil nature simply because they did not understand them, the health and strength of Bernadette was broken and her earthly life brought to an early close. But with her soul's release came the joyous freedom of going to the land of her "Beautiful Lady", she whom her heart had clung to so ardently and whose bidding she had courageously obeyed with unwavering loyalty and devotion in the face of persistent opposition and obstacles well nigh insurmountable.

Comforting to Bernadette had been the words of the "Blessed Lady", as they are to all those who have begun to pierce the veil that hangs between the seen and the unseen, and whose testimony to the revelations that come with it draw upon themselves the derision of the uncomprehending masses: "I cannot promise you happiness in this world, but I can promise you happiness in heaven."

The time approaches and is not far distant when a tragedy like that of Bernadette's can be no more. Michael and the influence He bears turns again toward the men of earth and as this influence grows stronger with the rising age of Aquarius, again in preparation for the second coming of Christ, the light of the spirit in man will brighten and illumine places that are now somber and dark. The opaque veil of matter will be rent, mysteries of the inner worlds will be revealed and communion between the planes become a universal practice. Then we shall all see "no more darkly as through a glass, but face to face".

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I link myself through the Lord of Love
With those who live in love,
And with pure intent serve the kingdom,

To Christ and His universal reign upon the earth
I give the full measure of my days,
All I am, all I shall be,

So to live is to find eternity in the midst of time,
So to love is to dwell in Christ,
So to serve is to be Christlike
And walk the lighted way to the transfigured life.
So may it be,
And help me to do my part, -- E. M. C.

"A RICH HARVEST"

Jesus' Teaching -- the embodiment of Humanity

adapted from "The Living Jesus"

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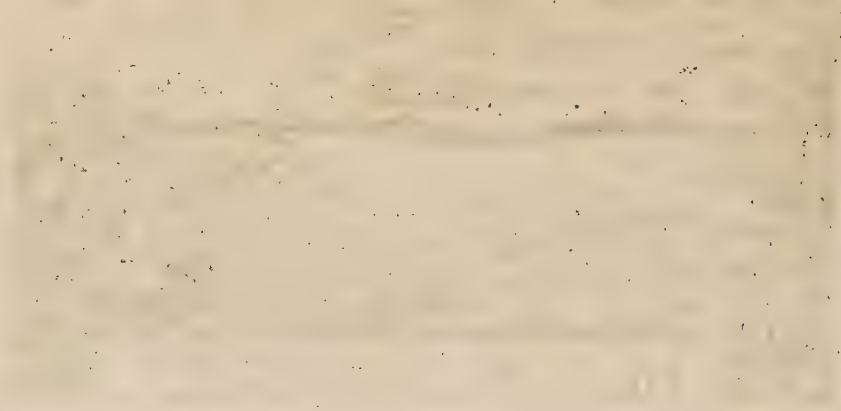
If we examine the words of Jesus they are not like words written in books. In every sentence which he uttered, there is always a picture drawn from nature. He speaks of the sea, or of fields of wheat, or of fig-trees, of peasants working in the fields, of sheep grazing on the side of the mountains, or of the shepherd who cares for the sheep. Pictures from nature come again and again in his words. They are clear, simple words which all can understand, even unlettered folk who never learned to write or read. But they are living words which comfort the sorrowing and those who are heavy laden; words which have colour. When they are uttered, then living life enters, as it were, the human consciousness, and we feel the truth.

Jesus went to the sea shore and spoke to simple fishermen, saying to them: "The time has come when we must catch, not fish, but men. Come and follow me and I will make you fishers of men instead of catchers of fish." And he went to the peasants in the fields who were casting seed into the ground and he said to them: "Come and follow me. We must go and sow the seed, not in the earth, but in men, for the time has come and we must have a rich harvest, a rich harvest indeed of men." It was with a little community of simple, humble folk that the Kingdom of God began to be built.

What was the teaching of the Son of Man which brought such vital force? that caused his words to have such life, strength, clarity and evidence that his disciples left their old life -- left everything -- and followed him. The central force which took hold of men and changed men was he himself, his life, his example, the integrity and completeness of his life. It was not only his words, but himself and his living example.

Jesus always gave that which he was asked. To those who were sad he gave joy; to those who were ignorant he gave knowledge; to those who were at war with themselves and with others he gave peace; to him who suffered with pains and witn illness he gave health. But there was one thing which he did not give, for which he was asked. There was one whom Jesus refused when he came to him and asked for a sign and asked for miracles. For this request was a sign of doubt and of misunderstanding of him.

We can see that our greatly distorted texts speak about his supernatural



miracles. He always rejected these categorically. Whence does this belief in supernatural miracles come? It has its roots in the human consciousness which construes as supernatural and miraculous all those acts which it does not understand. Jesus did not need to do supernatural miracles. He was in possession of all the natural and cosmic forces and of all the natural and cosmic laws. He did not need to do miracles, for it was in his power to do all without miracles. He could heal the sick, for in his power were all the forces of nature and all the forces of thought. He had in his power the knowledge of every natural and cosmic law. So he refused when he was asked for a sign, for he was truly sent from God. He answered: "Go hence from me, unbelievers." For he knew that the sign should not appear in heaven but should appear in ourselves, in our hearts, for the Kingdom of God is in ourselves. For the light is always visible. One has only to see and open one's eyes, but for those who have eyes and do not see, or for those who have ears and do not hear, for them the supernatural miracles are in vain. The light is always visible to those who are able to see, and the light illumines itself and also the darkness, but as long as the blind live the blind will always fall into the pit. Jesus did not speak to those who did not feel and who did not see, but he spoke to those to whom he said: "Happy are you for your faith sustains you." And to the sick whom he healed he said: "Be it according to your faith." For it is in vain we hold out our hand to raise someone, if he turn away and will not take our hand.

In his power he had all the natural and cosmic forces and laws. He was conscious of the forces of thought. The forces of thoughts which he irradiated are only able to enter those who are good receivers, who wish to receive. The human organism is a receiving instrument. We receive from forces which live around us, from the air, from the trees, from the sun, from the earth, and the natural forces meet in our organism. And Jesus sent the sick to the rivers and the lakes that they should go into the water, that they should fast, and that they should walk among the trees of the forests.

"Fast and Pray"

"Fast and pray." What is fasting and what is prayer? We know the miraculous force of fasting. We know that this force is able to cure all diseases. We know the miraculous force of the sun whose rays traverse the human organism. We know the miraculous force of water which cleanses the human organism just as the rain cleanses the earth. Jesus opened the door of the human organism and all the creative forces of nature to the weak and sick bodies who dipped in the river of natural forces, and thereupon miracles occurred. Men who had been sick for years and diseased for years became whole, men whose ears had been stopped for years could hear. Men who had lain in beds for long years began to walk, and a very large number of the sick came to him and those who believed in him were cured.

But he did not only tell them to go to the lake, or to go to the forests, and to fast, but he also told them to pray. What is prayer? Prayer is nothing else than the creation of forces of currents of thought and the direction of our currents of thought, to the eternal boundless ocean of all higher currents of thought, which currents come to this eternal cosmic ocean from all the higher beings of every planet. Jesus said: "I and my Heavenly Father are one." He spoke truly, for he was in contact with this eternal, boundless cosmic ocean and he drew from this eternal ocean ever stronger and stronger currents of eternal life which flowed through him and those who followed him. And he opened the door to the superior cosmic forces, allowing them to flow through himself to the men who followed him. He asked men to pray. He showed them how to search for contact with this eternal ocean, source of energy, of knowledge and of harmony, by concentration of currents of thought. For to him who seeks shall be given.

Men came and saw miracles. The sick in mind, who in those days were said to be "possessed," whose nervous systems were destroyed, regained their harmony and peace through these higher forces which irradiated from the Son of Man. There came lepers and these Jesus sent to the rivers, bidding them fast, and they ate nothing but the wild grapes among the valleys. And they prayed, and their skin grew clean and a great miracle took place and lepers became whole. They were baptised by

water and by spirit -- that is, they were baptised by natural forces and also by higher cosmic forces and they became whole.

Whence did the miraculous power come? Jesus always answered: "From my Heavenly Father." And truly the more strength and energy he gave to others, the more strength and energy he had, for the source of his knowledge and energy and harmony was the boundless universe, the inexhaustible, eternal cosmic ocean of higher forces, thoughts and love which flowed through him to the whole of mankind. To those who followed Jesus' way of life all the harmony of the natural and cosmic forces and laws would be given . . . they would have the same contactas the Heavenly Father. They would enjoy the same higher source of energy, knowledge and harmony. With men many things are impossible, but with our Heavenly Father all things are possible. And for those who have this higher contact everything is possible.

Jesus said: "Neither heat nor cold nor the bite of serpents can do you harm." What did he mean? If we live in harmony with the natural forces nothing can do harm to our body. Likewise if we live in harmony with the superior source of energy coming from the eternal cosmic ocean of our Heavenly Father, nothing can do harm to our consciousness and spirit.

Jesus' teaching is HARMONY of man with himself, of man with other men, the HARMONY of mankind with all the forces and laws of nature, the HARMONY of mankind with the eternal cosmic ocean of higher forces which eternally create, destroy and recreate planets and solar systems in cosmic space. His teaching, the embodiment of HARMONY with all the natural cosmic laws and forces, remains eternal and valid. It is indestructible and cannot be deformed.

We must follow his teaching. We must look for the superior sources of know - ledge, energy, harmony and love. We must always seek contact with these superior sources through leading a simple, natural life like the life of Jesus and his disciples. We shall be changed into more and more perfect receiving apparatus for establishing contact with all these higher sources of energy and harmony. Then all men will be transformed into Sons of Men. And the new man will appear, who will be the same as our Heavenly Father. He will be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect.

O U R E A S T E R W I S H

May you be risen with Him unto the Heavenly Father and be transfused with New Life and His Harmony, Joy and Beauty!

May you manifest the Perfection in body .... mind .... and affairs -- that which is eternally yours, as co-heirs with Christ of your Father's Heavenly Mansions.

May Easter-tide and its blessed holiness long remain in your heart where you linger in the high watch and upper chamber for the day of ascension and the visitation of your Lord, the Living Christ Jesus, in your midst!

. . . The Editor of Harmony Digest and the staff are praying that the message contained in the pages of our Easter edition may brighten the lives of those it reaches. We regret that we could not complete its publication and mailing until a late date so that many will receive it after the day of Easter.

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